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## A Time to Remember 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair Endures Rainy Weekend



### Duchene Leads Canada at Hlinka Tourney Haliburton's Native Son named Player of the Game

Just before leaving Haliburton for the Hockey Canada Under-18 selection camp in Calgary two weeks ago, Matthew Duchene was crystal clear on two hugely important points.

"I've been sticking to my normal routine," said Duchene, who was one of only four returning veterans at the Calgary camp, from an under-18 Canadian squad which captured gold at the World's in Russia last April.

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### Growth Doesn't Come Easy

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter

Last week the ante increased a bit on the Watercolours Condominium development in Haliburton. During their meeting the Dysart et al Council was faced with making decisions on calculations for sewage capacity allocations and the amount to be charged for parkland dedication. Council also learned that, one day before the appeal period expired, an appeal on their recent zoning approval for the property had been filed.

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## Lake Association Property Owners Stand Firm Against Airport Development

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter

Given a bit more fuel, the Maple Beach & Cameron Lakes Area Property Owner's Association (MBC) members would have turned Saturday's AGM into a real barn burner. That's how strongly almost all members in attendance felt about stopping the proposed expansion at Stanhope Airport. As many as 120 members attended an extremely well organized meeting to deal with association business and hear the latest on information that affects their area.

Association President Paul MacInnes opened the meeting by saying, "I'm very proud to be a volunteer for this association." He provided the members with a 'year in review' starting out with thanks to everyone who worked so hard collecting signatures for the petition about the Stanhope Airport development. "Six hundred and fifty people from Algonquin Highlands signed the petition and letters went out to all four levels of government."

MacInnes reported on work done in efforts to get high speed internet for Maple and Cameron Lakes, updating and computerizing e-mail addresses and mailing lists and getting out spring newsletters.

MacInnes talked about meetings with FOCA and the

Haliburton Stewardship Council and spoke about their efforts to create a pilot group to develop a template for lake planning. MacInnes spoke about the benefits of lake planning and how much easier and less costly the job would be once the template is developed.

MacInnes said, "As always, with this association we end up in the cross wind runway campaign. We have spent an awful lot of time on that this spring and sometimes I wish it would just go away and we could have a picnic." This comment was met with a tremendous amount of applause.

Chris Jones of Haliburton Appraisal Services was present to speak to anticipated changes in assessments. According to MacInnes in anticipation of the change a study was conducted by the Coalition After Property Tax Reform (CAPTR) that indicated a possible increase of 47% for waterfront properties. MacInnes contacted Anthony VanLieshout to look at the sales records for their three lakes and Jones presented the results of their work. He looked at sales for the Maple, Beech & Cameron Lake area, Algonquin Highlands, Minden Township and Guilford Township and the County overall and found an estimated

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# Bus, Tractor Trailer Crash in Minden

Mark Arike  
Staff Reporter

Sixteen people were sent to hospital after a head-on collision between a bus and a tractor trailer occurred south of Minden last Thursday. Though it was reported that one young woman was seriously injured, none of those involved faced life-threatening injuries.

At approximately 1:19 p.m., the serious crash took place on Hwy 35 in Norland, about 45 minutes north of Lindsay. The tour bus involved in the incident was carrying 46 co-ed British scouts from West Lancashire, England between the ages of 14 and 21.

According to the driver of a second bus, also carrying British Scouts, the tractor trailer was travelling in the wrong lane at the time of the accident. As a result of the collision, the bus ended up in the South bound ditch and the tractor trailer came to rest on the North bound shoulder. The driver of the bus and the driver of the tractor trailer were taken to hospital for treatment of their injuries.

Both buses were en route to Toronto after departing from the Haliburton Scout Reserve. The two buses, with a total of 100 scouts, came to Canada on July 28. The Scouts were continuing their tour of Southern Ontario when the accident happened.

It was raining at the time of the crash, but the cause was yet to be determined as of press time.

The victims from the crash were taken to the Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay and Minden Hospital. Hwy 35 was closed off until about 11 p.m. so that collision specialists could investigate the scene.

Barry Hardaker, Executive Director of field services based at Scouts Canada national office in Ottawa, first heard about the accident at around 4:00 p.m. that afternoon from Dave Osborne of the Haliburton Scout Reserve.

"I was shocked, upset and worried," said Hardaker after hearing about what happened. "When we heard that fellow

scouts were involved, we offered our help." The British High Commission in Ottawa dispatched consular staff to the scene to provide any necessary assistance.

Hardaker says that he was proud to see how well the scouts reacted, especially after being so shaken up.

"In such a horrific crash, we're really happy with how the scouts responded. They're trained in emergency preparedness," said Hardaker. Those who could help out their fellow scouts did and also cooperated with OPP and emergency services on the scene.

"They're taught not to panic and to deal with one thing at a time," he added.

On Friday (the day after the crash), Hardaker says that the scouts were released from hospital and went to Toronto where they continued their tour. Some of the day's activities while in the city included a tour of Centre Island, a Blue Jays game and a boat expedition courtesy of the Toronto Police's marine unit. The scouts returned to England on Sunday.

The Voice's photographer, Lyn Winans, was one of the first members of the media to arrive at the crash scene. She described what she saw after returning to Minden that evening.

"The cops and emergency personnel were everywhere. The vehicles hit almost head-on. They clipped each other on

the left of the bus and the left of the truck. The truck was pretty mangled up," she said.

In her observations, Winans said that most of the children seemed to make it out of the ordeal rather well.

"I think the kids were probably more scared than they were hurt. I don't know for sure, but it seemed like most of them walked off or crawled off."

The following day, The Voice ensured that Winans' photos of the accident appeared in The Toronto Star and also in the UK's Daily Mail which has 6 million readers. ■



**AROUND THE REGION:** Pleasant weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the mid-20s. The beautiful conditions will continue right into the weekend as skies will be partly cloudy on Friday while sunny skies will be seen this weekend. Highs will be in the middle 20s.

## Weather & Lotto Info

### THURSDAY



Partly cloudy and mild

▲ 24° ▼ 14°

### FRIDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and continued mild

▲ 24° ▼ 12°

### SATURDAY



Mostly sunny and warmer

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

### SUNDAY



Continued sunny and pleasant

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

### MONDAY



Partly cloudy and pleasant

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

### TUESDAY



Chance of afternoon thunderstorms

▲ 26° ▼ 14°

### WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with scattered showers

▲ 24° ▼ 13°

## Your Unofficial Lotto Numbers



Aug 09, 2008

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Bonus Number 11

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Aug 08, 2008

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| City       | Today<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Friday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Saturday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Sunday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Monday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Tuesday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Wednesday<br>Hi/Low/Oct |
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| Bancroft   | 24/14/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 26/14/pc             | 26/14/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Barrie     | 24/15/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 27/16/pc             | 27/15/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Dorset     | 24/14/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 26/14/pc             | 26/14/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Haliburton | 24/14/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 26/14/pc             | 26/14/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Huntsville | 24/14/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 26/14/pc             | 26/14/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Kingston   | 26/16/pc            | 25/13/pc             | 27/16/su               | 27/16/su             | 27/16/pc             | 27/16/ts              | 26/14/sh                |
| Lindsay    | 24/15/pc            | 24/13/pc             | 26/15/su               | 27/15/su             | 27/15/pc             | 27/15/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Minden     | 24/14/pc            | 24/12/pc             | 26/14/su               | 26/14/su             | 26/14/pc             | 26/14/ts              | 24/13/sh                |
| Oshawa     | 26/16/pc            | 25/13/pc             | 27/16/su               | 27/16/su             | 27/16/pc             | 27/17/ts              | 26/14/sh                |
| Ottawa     | 23/13/ts            | 23/13/sh             | 26/15/su               | 27/17/su             | 28/17/pc             | 27/17/pc              | 26/13/sh                |
| Toronto    | 26/16/pc            | 25/14/pc             | 27/16/su               | 28/17/su             | 28/18/pc             | 28/18/ts              | 26/14/sh                |

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City        | Today<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Friday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Saturday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Sunday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Monday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Tuesday<br>Hi/Low/Oct | Wednesday<br>Hi/Low/Oct |
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| Calgary     | 24/12/su            | 26/13/su             | 28/11/su               | 27/12/su             | 29/12/pc             | 29/13/su              | 32/16/pc                |
| Edmonton    | 26/12/pc            | 27/13/pc             | 29/10/su               | 29/10/pc             | 26/11/pc             | 27/13/sh              | 26/13/sh                |
| Fredericton | 24/14/pc            | 24/14/sh             | 26/14/pc               | 26/14/pc             | 24/14/sh             | 27/13/su              | 24/13/pc                |
| Halifax     | 26/14/ts            | 25/16/pc             | 21/16/ra               | 22/16/su             | 23/17/ts             | 21/16/su              | 20/14/pc                |
| Montreal    | 23/13/ts            | 24/13/sh             | 26/16/su               | 27/18/pc             | 26/19/pc             | 28/17/pc              | 27/14/sh                |
| Regina      | 24/12/sh            | 28/13/su             | 29/13/su               | 28/12/su             | 28/12/pc             | 31/17/su              | 32/18/su                |
| St. John's  | 24/13/pc            | 26/17/pc             | 17/15/sh               | 18/16/su             | 18/16/cl             | 17/13/su              | 17/13/pc                |
| Saskatoon   | 24/12/pc            | 28/12/su             | 29/14/su               | 31/16/su             | 33/17/su             | 28/15/pc              | 28/14/pc                |
| Vancouver   | 31/15/pc            | 29/14/pc             | 25/17/su               | 23/16/su             | 23/15/cl             | 23/14/sh              | 22/15/sh                |
| Whitehorse  | 18/9/sh             | 17/8/pc              | 13/6/sh                | 13/6/ra              | 6/5/ra               | 12/0/sh               | 12/1/sh                 |
| Winnipeg    | 24/13/pc            | 26/14/pc             | 29/15/pc               | 29/16/su             | 28/16/su             | 27/15/su              | 30/16/su                |

## AREA ALMANAC

| Last seven days | High | Low  | Prec.   |
|-----------------|------|------|---------|
| Monday 8/11     | 17°C | 11°C | 0.0 mm  |
| Sunday 8/10     | 20°C | 14°C | 1.3 mm  |
| Saturday 8/9    | 18°C | 9°C  | 5.6 mm  |
| Friday 8/8      | 19°C | 12°C | 10.9 mm |
| Thursday 8/7    | 24°C | 13°C | 29.2 mm |
| Wednesday 8/6   | 26°C | 16°C | 0.5 mm  |
| Tuesday 8/5     | 26°C | 13°C | 5.6 mm  |

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## SUN & MOON

|       | Sunrise/set         | Moonrise/set         |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Thu.  | 6:15 a.m./8:21 p.m. | 7:25 p.m./3:32 a.m.  |
| Fri.  | 6:16 a.m./8:20 p.m. | 7:51 p.m./4:41 a.m.  |
| Sat.  | 6:17 a.m./8:18 p.m. | 8:14 p.m./5:52 a.m.  |
| Sun.  | 6:19 a.m./8:17 p.m. | 8:34 p.m./7:02 a.m.  |
| Mon.  | 6:20 a.m./8:15 p.m. | 8:53 p.m./8:13 a.m.  |
| Tues. | 6:21 a.m./8:13 p.m. | 9:12 p.m./9:25 a.m.  |
| Wed.  | 6:22 a.m./8:12 p.m. | 9:33 p.m./10:39 a.m. |

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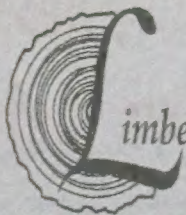
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| Tropical Thunder (14 A)                                                                                             | 4:55 pm | 7:15 & 9:35    |
| Pineapple Express (18A)                                                                                             | 4:35 pm | 7:30 & 9:20    |
| The Mummy- Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG)                                                                          | 3:50 pm | 6:15           |
| Step Brothers (14A)                                                                                                 |         | 8:40           |
| The Dark Knight (14 A)                                                                                              | 3:00 pm | 8:20           |
| Get Smart (PG)                                                                                                      | 5:55 pm |                |
| Mama Mia (PG)                                                                                                       | 4:25 pm | 6:45 & 9:05 pm |
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## Condo development faces questions...

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According to Municipal Planner Pat Martin, engineers for the municipality have confirmed that there is sufficient capacity at the sewage treatment plant and at the pumping station on Victoria Street to accommodate the development. However, Martin reported that there had to be an accurate accounting of the actual usage or demand from the project to establish the capacity allocation.

Martin also reported that the decision about sewage capacity allocation will also affect the developer's application for a permit to take water. The problem remains that the capacity allocations recommended by the developer's engineers (of 1.75 persons per unit) varied from those recommended by the Municipality's engineer who recommended a standard of 2.3 to 2.6 persons per unit which would translate into greater capacity costs.

It is not unusual to see occupancy rates vary or be negotiated for developments like hotels or large condominium projects similar to the one being considered in Haliburton, where occupancy in each unit varies considerably from what would normally be seen in single family residences.

Martin said she had also spoken with Ministry of Environment representatives to get a third interpretation and looked at several similar developments for examples on what to recommend to council. While the development proposes 150 units they vary in size and, based on her review, Martin suggested that council consider an occupancy standard of 1.75 persons for one bedroom units and 2.3 persons for the remaining two bedroom units. (The Watercolours development proposes 27 one bedroom units, 38 one bedroom units with a den and 85 two bedroom units with a den.)

Council discussed the capacity allocations for single family residences and the average household uses established by the building code. They also agreed with a comment made by Councillor Janis Parker that the occupancy rates proposed were high, as most seniors in a two bedroom unit use the second bedroom as a guest room only. While no formal resolution was passed at the time, council agreed with Martin's recommendation.

Council then discussed the amount to be charged for parkland dedication. Once the formal condominium application is made, the Municipality can require a 'cash-in-lieu of parkland' payment from the developer. Based on the development being 'non-waterfront lots/units' on less than 5 acres the parkland fee would be \$30,000 (150 units at \$200 per unit).

Martin advised Council that they also had the option to set the fee based on an appraisal completed at the expense of the developer. She also recommended that the parkland dedication fee be consistent with the Silver Beach Development proposal. Council agreed with this recommendation and the fee of \$30,000.

Martin then informed council that a formal appeal had been received that morning on the zoning for the project. The appeal will go to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for a decision based on criteria established for the zone.

Martin gave council an overview of how the process worked. She also advised council of the possibility that several of the required studies (traffic, storm water management, hydrogeology studies, etc.) may be put on hold until the matter of the appeal is resolved. According to Martin, the OMB offer mediation services. She said, "It may be fruitful to go to mediation to determine if there are ways to get questions or concerns answered without going to a formal appeal."

The appeal was submitted by Alison Mack who lives on Maple Avenue. Mack made a detailed presentation to council during their public meeting about the condominium development. She has a variety of concerns including numerous environmental issues, height of the building, the municipality's ability to provide adequate fire protection, traffic control and lack of consultation with the community. The Voice was unable to contact Mack prior to deadline.

The Voice asked Reeve Murray Fearrey for a response to the comment made in Mack's letter in the August 5<sup>th</sup> Haliburton Echo which suggested that there seemed to be a fear that if council placed restrictions on the project the developers would pull out. "There is always a possibility with developers that when you add additional costs, the project may not be viable any more," replied Fearrey. "That is a reality, not a threat. Valid concerns can be dealt with, but if they're frivolous and cost the developers too much money the project could be lost."

Fearrey was cautious in his comments as the matter will be going to either mediation or through a formal appeal process. He did say, "I hope that there is an opportunity for mediation to resolve the concerns being raised."

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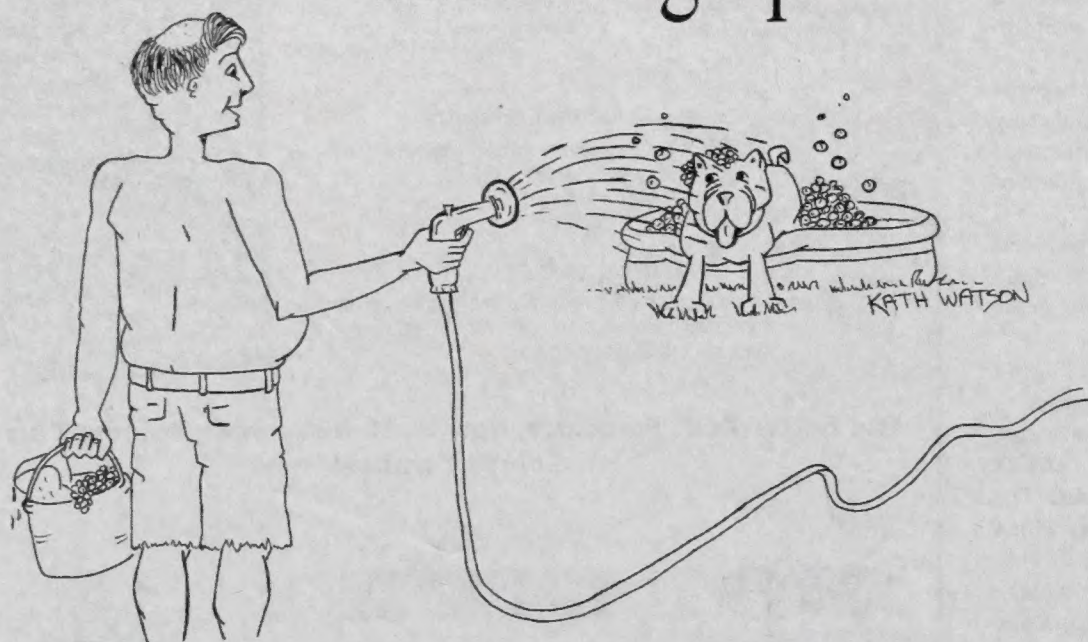
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# County Voice

## Hick Dog Spa



## Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

*"He acts like a menace around town defacing store fronts and smelling up the place."*

Gang members are not wanted in our town. Gang members are not usually pillars of society, they take from society not give, they cause havoc around town instead of helping. Hank is a gang member and he is not wanted here.

He wanders the town, takes what he wants when he wants it, and urinates in the street. He does not smell great or look great and people around town don't want him there. If you were to investigate a bit further, you would find that Hank has a tough life. His family abandoned him, he was not wanted, left all alone, no one to feed him and care for him, no health care. He had to get tough to get by. He goes through the garbage bins to get enough food to eat. He fights his way through the crowd. He acts like a menace around town defacing store fronts and smelling up the place.

The question is, should we be responsible for taking care of those who cannot take care of themselves or should we simply collect them and remove them from our sight? There are Hanks all over but this Hank is in our town, right downtown and he is a feral cat. He has other gang members that he hangs out with that have a similar story.

If Hank and his gang are collected and removed, another gang will come next year. It may not be the same cat but it will be a cat and he will take over from Hank. The thing about doing the same actions year after year when they do not work is that we do not recognize the benefits of failure. Failure shows you that what does not work. It is an education. It happens to us all.

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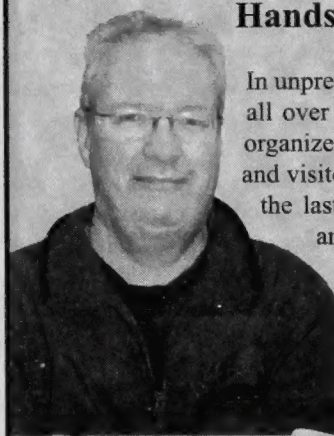


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## EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY Stephen Patrick

### Hands Out, All of the Time



In unprecedented numbers, the hands have been out all over Haliburton County this summer in highly organized attempts to separate residents, cottagers, and visitors from some of their hard-earned cash. In the last two weeks alone we've had the Minden and Haliburton Rotary Parades, the Rails End Gallery's Arts and Craft show, Sir Sandford Fleming's Art Auction, not to mention sundry and various fairs, fish fries, carnivals, tag days, toll bridges, raffle draws for ATVs, Boats, and Cars, Lake Association Regattas, and last, but certainly not least, Charity Golf

Tournaments virtually every weekend.

This year the Rails End Gallery decided to charge admission to its ever-popular Arts and Crafts Show rather than simply ask for a donation. As current President of the Rails End, it was my job for a few hours to collect the money at the entrance point (one Toonie per person, five bucks a family, which was good for the whole weekend and included, yes, a raffle ticket.) I detected almost no opposition to this change from the thousands who attended the show (except for one friend's tart comment about having to pay to shop) and the Gallery's coffers certainly benefited. The plain fact is that neither the Rails End, nor its sister arts organizations, could deliver its programming to this community if we didn't stage fundraisers like the Arts and Craft Show. And there is still debate on local councils about how much arts organizations should be funded by the taxpayer. Just this past week the federal Conservatives, on purely ideological grounds, annihilated a series of programs designed to showcase Canadian artists in foreign countries. At least in this County we can be thankful that councils for the most part stay out of the programming decisions of our arts institutions, despite the taxpayer's financial interest in them.

Fund raising is an onerous task at the best of times: few of us enjoy asking our friends, colleagues, or employers for money for our favourite cause. But our current political and social reality demands it, and no non-profit organization can hope to be exempt. Hockey parents shell out significant fees to the Highland Storm each season, but that's just the beginning. My son will play probably 40 rep games this year, including tournaments (at extra cost). At each game we'll pay an entrance fee of around four dollars per person, plus of course the ubiquitous 50-50 draw, which will practically double our annual fees. We all grumble, but we go along because we know the Storm, and the other minor hockey organizations need the money. So next time you see that outstretched hand, please dig into your pocket and understand that your contribution makes a real and tangible benefit to the strength and cohesion of our communities.

### The OPP, the Boonies, and the Bus.

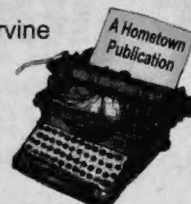
Last week the Voice's intrepid photo/journalist Lyn Winans was quick on the scene of the frightening bus - tractor trailer crash on Highway 35 south of Minden. Since our next issue was a week away we offered a selection of her pics to the Toronto Star photo editor: as soon as he saw them he said "fantastic, great photos, thanks very much - and by the way the London (UK) Daily Mail is also looking for pics." The Star published two of the photos the next day. The Daily Mail's photo editor, Brian Norton, had a similar reaction to Lyn's work, and featured three pics on their web edition as well as the print version (with its six million readers.) But during the entire event the OPP in Kawartha Lakes refused to give our reporters any relevant information.

However, the Toronto media were granted unlimited access to the OPP officers, including a live, extensive interview with Kawartha Lakes Constable Mark Boileau on the scene. For the local Voice? Nothing, don't bother me, no press release, no interview.

Strange that while the quality of our work is recognized world-wide, our very provincial police, at least the Kawartha Lakes version, won't even return calls from the local jurisdictions they try to serve. ■

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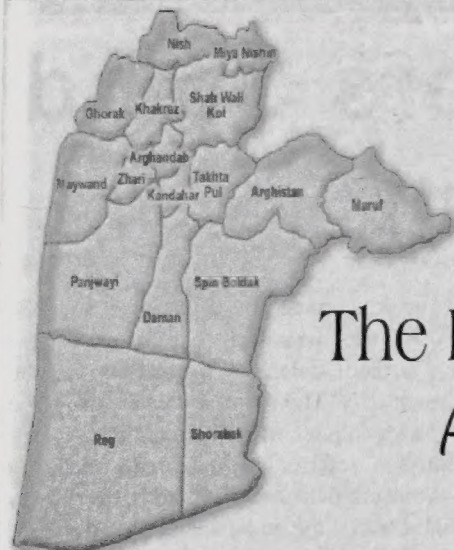
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Back At It

# The Road to Kandahar

## A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty



"...Always nice to be home where there are more colours than tan, beige, off white, and tan."

The last two weeks have been filled with rain and intermittent periods of sun as I languished with 12 days holidays back home. I personally do not know what is harder, ducking rockets from the Taliban, or ducking demands from the "honey do list". But it is always nice to be home where there are more colours than tan, beige, off white and tan. It was also nice to sit up at Drag Lake and have a few "real beers" with friends and family. A little shopping in town (picked up a new "Life is Good" Hat from the Outfitters) and was happily informed by Ron (whose last name I cannot print, but whose family may own a certain lumber yard), that he will happily have a beer for me each day while I sit here in the sand (he also suggested I get a Doe licence - just in case).

However, the time passed rather quickly, and despite the best attempts of Luftansa to keep me captive in Frankfurt (never travel during an airline strike), I made it back to sunny Kandahar, only to be met with a sand storm. For those who have seen the latest "China Mummy" movie, the storm they showed in it was nothing in comparison. One side of the camp was clear blue skies, and the other, a wall of red sand over 100 feet high. If you have driven through a white out on the 400 highway, you have a pretty good idea what it was like. Visibility was reduced to just over 10 feet, everything was covered in sand, and the wind blew in excess of 60 knots. And just as quickly as it came in, it was gone. There are several individuals wondering if there was any correlation of the storm and the movie release.

I was happily met by Capt Roger Partridge and Lt Rob Coghlan, both smiling with Roger saying that I can not go on leave ever again! (He had the happy task of taking over for me while I was on leave and ran away screaming after he handed me back the keys). Not to be out done, CSM Vic Hickey was next in line to greet me, with a "Welcome back Sir! When we going out? It was boring here!"

Despite a bit of a reprieve, the war continues here in Afghanistan. Canadian soldiers with Afghan and American allies are pushing through the Panjway as the campaign season hits the high point. Unfortunately, two Canadian soldiers have been killed over the last few days, MCpl Richards (can you put home town here from press release) and Cpl Doyle from (home town - from press release) were both killed in operations against the Insurgent forces. ■

## Letter to Editor cont'd...

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There is a great saying in a great book that states "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28: 13 LB. We need to look at the reason for failure. A food source in town is there whether we like it or not. Try to change it but it is there and there are caring people everywhere that do not want to see the cats starve.

Where there is a food source, there will be feral cats. The vacuum left by removing the cats just sucks them back in. It forces us to be more creative.

I have an idea, I would like to say an epiphany but it is not new and it's not really mine. It has been done in many, many places and it works. It will not get rid of all the gang related issues but I believe it will alleviate enough that most of us can live with it. It is called the TNR or "trap and release program." I have and will continue to propose this to town council as a good alternative to the present solutions that do not seem to be working well. The cats on Parliament Hill, in Ottawa have a managed feral cat program in place and there are a lot of people that visit there.

It seems to work there and I believe that it could work here with a little effort and tincture of time. There is an old saying that if you fail to plan, you plan to fail. Noah started to build the arc before it even started to rain. I have a great plan. Well, no, I have a plan that I think is great.

If we send Hank packing, he may just return. But if the cat came back the very next year and he was vaccinated, de-wormed, neutered and identified, we would know him, have bonded to him. He would have a real name, he would smell much better and be better behaved. The owners of the businesses down town would be happier because the urine markings would decrease, the town people would be safer as the parasite load would be decreased, the animal lovers would be happier and want to take care of them and the cottagers would have fun watching the cat antics at the feral cat housing project downtown. A great draw, don't you think? If I was a betting person (which I am not), I would surely bet that the cats would be happier to be healthy and alive and hanging around a town where they are wanted.

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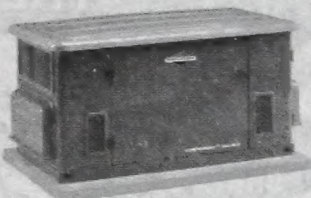
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# Lake Association Property Owners Stand Firm against Airport Development

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55% increase for the MBC and Algonquin Highlands areas with the County as a whole being around 45% for average sale prices on waterfront properties.

Napier Simpson reported on the impact that the increased assessment will have and how the increases will be applied over four years to bring the assessment in line. According to Simpson the municipal mill rate should go down if the assessment increases. Otherwise he said municipalities will be in a windfall position or, as he called it "taxation by stealth."

In order to encourage wise spending by Municipal Governments and protect themselves from further increases, Simpson urged everyone to sign an on line petition that WRAFT (Waterfront Ratepayers after Fair Taxation) are promoting or to sign sheets available at the meeting. He also

asked the members to contact their MPP, let their views be known to the Municipality and vote effectively in 2010.

A number of member motions were passed at the end of the meeting which included a decision to hold the AGM on the May 24<sup>th</sup> weekend on Sunday afternoons as well as the year end to December 31<sup>st</sup>, a decision to investigate reducing the number of geese on the lakes and a motion to request Algonquin Highlands to reduce the speed on North Shore Road to 50 kilometres.

MacInnes introduced Reeve Eleanor Harrison to give an update on municipal activities. Harrison spoke about the progress of the Waste Management Committee, hauled sewage management systems and the municipality's frustration with the Ministry of Environment in failing to provide clear guidelines for municipalities to follow.

Harrison also reviewed progress on the new Firehall, 911 signage, hazardous waste days, tipping fees and new landfill hours at the landfill sites as well as the municipality's success with recycling. Speaking about the landfill hours, she said she understood they have not been working. A motion was passed later in the meeting to ask the municipality to keep the landfill sites open on Sunday night until 8 p.m. and at least one site open every day of the week.

Harrison then moved into more difficult territory and spoke about the airport and the impending consultant's report on the feasibility of constructing a cross wind runway. She reviewed the rationale Council had for considering the runway and said the report would be presented on September 18<sup>th</sup> with a public meeting on September 20<sup>th</sup> in Dorset to give the consultant an opportunity to present all the necessary information on it. She said, "The decisions Council now face are; when do we build this cross wind runway, at what cost and how do we finance it."

Harrison said their consultant is aware of the concerns raised by the association and has been directed to address each of those concerns in their report. She apologized for the short time between meetings, but said the date was set to ensure as many residents as possible could attend and to accommodate the schedules of those making presentations. She urged people to call her office, bring in their questions or come to a regular meeting of Council as a deputation after September 18<sup>th</sup> with their concerns.

"We will make sure that you get your answers" said Harrison. She went on to explain that the existing infrastructure at the airport had reached the end its useful life and should be refurbished. Because of this the consultant's report will include estimates for refurbishing the existing runway and taxiway.

Harrison provided dollar figures that were prepared by the MBC which she said the Council hadn't viewed in the same light to date. According to the figures over the last 23 years the existing airport has cost \$821,000 dollars which Harrison said represents approximately \$33,000 per year.

(While these numbers are technically correct, MBC executives later suggested they confuse the issue. In fact, if one looks at a twenty

year period the losses do average out at just over \$33,000. However, in the last 10 years the annual costs have escalated to \$56,731 and have further escalated in the last five years to losses of \$102,513 annually. The point was later made that with the proposed runway, losses will only increase.)

In closing, Harrison referred to statements made on numerous occasions that she personally would see the runway built at any cost. She assured the audience that her decision, like the rest of Council's, would be made only after all the information comes forward on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Harrison's presentation was followed by a raft of questions, the first of which was whether she would consider holding a referendum about the airport. This question was followed by a roar of applause. Harrison said she had yet to receive any formal request for a referendum, adding that she isn't against the idea but she is only one of five members of Council. She said Council could be asked to consider the suggestion, but she understood it could not be done until the next election.

There was a very strong sentiment voiced throughout the room that the public meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> should be held in Stanhope rather than Dorset.

Harrison was asked why the municipality expropriated land before they knew the project would be feasible and whether the land would be returned to the rightful owners if the project doesn't proceed. Harrison responded that these decisions would not be made until after the report is received.

MBC Director Tom Fitzsimmons asked whether Algonquin Highlands would proceed with the project using their own resources if they don't have the support of the four municipalities in the County or if no funds are available from either the federal or provincial governments. Harrison said, "I'm not prepared to answer right now." She added that requests for funding could not be made until accurate costing has been completed.

The final questions related to economic development and whether Council had looked at other opportunities to the same extent as the airport. Harrison said not to her knowledge.

Andy Muirhead, MBC's Research Director then presented a situation report on the airport expansion. He prefaced his remarks by saying, "After another year of greatly intensified opposition to the project it certainly comes as a surprise to many that the project is still advancing."

Muirhead said, "Our conclusions on the limitations of the proposed crosswind runway remain unchanged and are shared by MTO and even the Municipality's own past consultants." According to Muirhead the second runway is only the first part of a twenty year plan with an estimated total cost approaching 12 million dollars. He said, "Don't be deceived, there is no point in building the runway if the rest of the plan doesn't follow."

Muirhead said the estimates to date are based on absolutely no solid engineering data and providing examples, that they are based on unreliable and even inconsistent information. He also said, "The historic record for the prediction of increased usage and revenues at the airport speaks for itself. In the 24 years since the first reports on the expansion almost none of the projected usage, revenue or economic development targets have been met."

Muirhead said, "Somewhere along the way the Township decided that an expansion was needed, that there was a demand for it and that it was the only possible solution to all of our economic problems." Since that point, he said, "There has been no initiative in any other direction for economic development and money has been flowing freely

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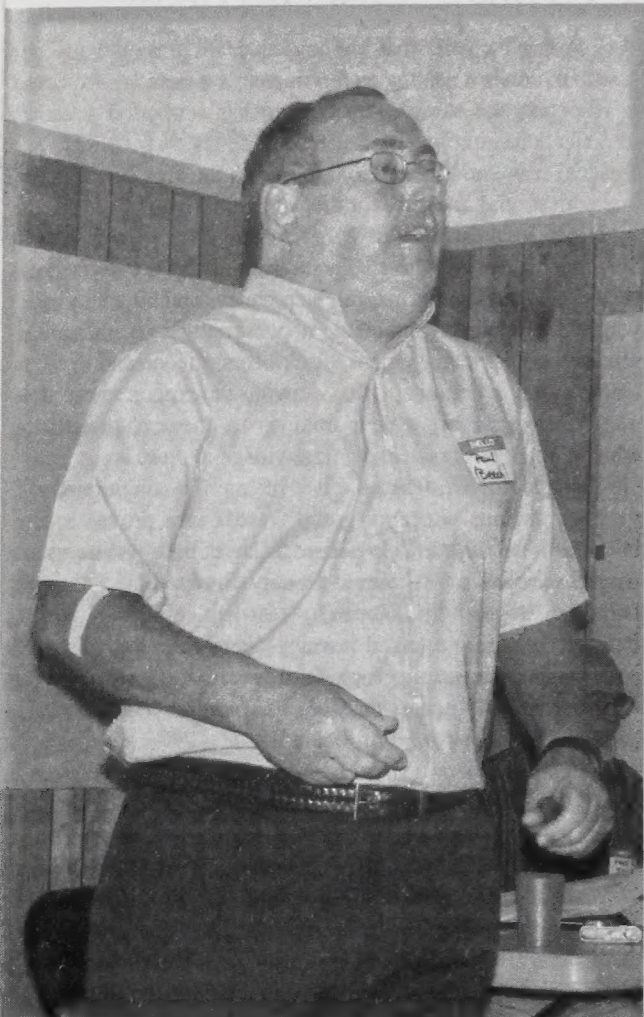
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and constantly into this project with wildly optimistic and completely unfounded claims about its benefits being made to justify it."

Muirhead referred to reports clearly outlining the limited use of a 4000 foot crosswind runway and recommendations for more useful options like extending the existing runway or developing a much shorter second runway, saying that despite these, Council decided that the expansion and crosswind runway was the way to go. He also said, "Taxpayers were never given the option to maintain the status quo and it would appear that no consideration was given to privatization."

Muirhead talked about land acquisitions and expropriations made in 2007 by the Council saying they voted to purchase 84 acres of land east and north of the airport when only a small portion of it was needed for the new runway. The rest was earmarked for a residential air park development which Council hoped would offset costs and increase their tax base. He said, "Might it also generate some windfall profits for an already identified developer and a lucky, local real-estate agent?"

According to Muirhead, the same day Council agreed to purchase the land they received a report from their CAO and approved the construction of the crosswind runway. "They didn't approve economic studies or a cost effective approach to determining if the runway could or should be built; they didn't vote to ask if the ratepayers felt the same burning need for the project or if we wanted to force people off their lands to do it." According to Muirhead later that year Council finalized the expropriation of another 100 acres of land from private owners.

Muirhead said the same Council that initiated the expropriation recently passed a motion in support of banning mining exploration and development and lobbying the province to protect land owners rights along with the environment. He said, "They then proceeded in July to approach another landowner to obtain an easement to cut down trees on a privately managed forest, part of which is listed as environmentally protected on their own municipal plan."

"Since March of last year, the Township has spent or authorized the expenditure of a minimum of a half million dollars and acquired nearly 200 acres of land, more than half of it by legal force, which may never be required for an airport."

Muirhead said, "The Reeve has stated in the past that the question is not if the project will be built, but only of when. The real question, which has never been properly asked or more importantly answered, is WHY?"

A motion was passed later in the meeting with a resounding cheer and unanimous vote to ask the Algonquin Highlands Council to consider holding a referendum on the crosswind runway proposal.

Other questions were raised by the executive after the meeting which they feel must still be properly answered. They question why Council has not planned a meeting that actually allows for questions from the public that can also be answered publicly. With economic development experts discrediting the idea of local airports as job creators and the rapidly rising cost of fuel suggesting it is a shrinking industry, why other initiatives have not been seriously investigated by the Municipality. And finally, even if the capital costs are covered for the project, whether people really want their tax dollars spent on maintaining a losing proposition instead things like low cost housing, health care and high speed internet. ■



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By Rick Whitteker: Council member since 2003, Rick teaches at Fleming College 8 months a year and works on environmental education and tourism initiatives in the summer months.

Knowledge sets the path to understanding. To understand proper land and water stewardship, one has to know about how nature works and how people affect the ecological processes. The Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council place education at the top of the agenda because we understand there are many misconceptions about the environment. It is part of our organization's role to support, disperse and sometimes deliver quality education programs about our water and land resources and people's connection to

and affect on natural resources.

When I first arrived in Haliburton County, I had, what I believe to be, a typical, media driven understanding of forestry. In other words, cut down too many trees, leave behind a barren, lifeless landscape and move on with money in hand. Luckily, I was able to work for 10 years at one of the best examples of good quality land and water stewardship; Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. I came to understand the meaning of good forestry. It takes planning and accurate data and research about forest processes to effectively manage a forest. Forestry is about more than just trees; it is about soil, air, water, sunlight, microorganisms, recreation values, market trends, money wildlife and aesthetic values just to name a few dynamics to be considered in forest management.

I was fortunate to find work that taught me about stewardship. However, many visitors to this region have little consistent

exposure to the natural environment. Local people also benefit from learning about what we have in Haliburton County and how to maintain a healthy environment for generations to come. In response, the stewardship council has supported a variety of educational initiatives to meet the needs of both local and seasonal residents. In addition, tourist to the area can also find fun, educational activities for the whole family.

I met a lakeside land owner in July who just loved the Stewardship Series. These educational half day programs cover such timely subjects as natural disturbances and how they affect your woodlot, waterfront restoration, current forest and wildlife research, forest management, black bears, moose and deer and maple syrup operations. Often drawing on experts in the field, guest speakers present their findings to attentive participants who are there to improve their knowledge in these areas.

In July and August, the stewardship council, in conjunction with the environmental education group, Out to Learn, provide a series of educational days to help people discover the ecosystems and natural wonders of Haliburton County. Stewardship Discovery Days are a great hit! Normally consisting of 3-4 hours of interactive, family oriented learning, these fun programs cover such topics as forests, geocaching, frogs and wetlands, shoreline diversity, healthy homes and the ever popular, Wildlife CSI, a "who done it" look as wildlife forensics.

One person who is a strong believer in stewardship education programs is Don Wright, a landowner near Lochlin with a 200 hectare provincially significant wetland and an esker feature deemed an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) in 2006. Don has been offering public access to his property of 5 years with Trails and Tours and the University of Guelph has used his property in their soil research. On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Discovery Day was held on Don's property entitled, "Spring into Summer". Working in collaboration with the Toronto Zoo, over 30 people enjoyed learning about frogs, wetlands and the unusual geography of this pristine glacial remnant. "I take great pleasure in seeing people delighted by something unusual" says Don, talking with pride about his perspective on land and water stewardship.

Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council also takes the lead or supports through funds or promotion of many more educational opportunities. Some examples include the Haliburton-Muskoka Children's Water Festival, Kids and Kops day, Ontario Stewardship Rangers, Junior Naturalist Camps and the high school environmental education event called Envirothon. In addition, the HHSC works in collaboration with many other organizations in putting on public forums such as the Lakeland Conference, Bio-energy Conference and Sustainable Living Symposium.

Meeting the community needs by offering education programs which enhance our understanding of our environment is one of the key focuses of the stewardship council. These programs go a long way in meeting the mandate which is to promote and support the wise stewardship of natural resources in the Haliburton Highlands. This long term perspective and action plan will help ensure that we have a healthy, natural environment for local and seasonal residents and tourist visitors to enjoy long into the future.

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# Provincial Consultation Process By-Passes Haliburton

Liz Danielsen  
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*"I'm very unhappy with the way the government is dealing with this." (Robin Simpson, FUME)*

Last week the Ontario government announced that it would be holding a series of public and stakeholder meetings about the province's Mining Act. Despite Haliburton County being an area in Ontario where active uranium exploration is taking place, it has been left off the grid and members of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining & Exploration) are very unhappy to say the least; fuming might be more appropriate.

In a release on Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> Northern Development and Mines Minister Michael Gravelle said, "A vibrant mining industry adds wealth to our economy and offers tremendous benefits for our communities." Gravelle went on to say, "We want to support the industry with a Mining Act that reflects the values of today's society."

With less than a week's notice before the first meeting, the consultation process was scheduled to commence in Timmins on Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. Subsequent meetings will be held in Sudbury (August 13<sup>th</sup>), Thunder Bay (August 18<sup>th</sup>), Kingston (August 28<sup>th</sup>) and finally Toronto on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

According to Gravelle the sessions will be the first step in a consultative approach that will include focused discussions with the mining industry, municipalities and other stakeholders including First Nations and Metis leaders.

While discussions will include issues surrounding separate surface and mineral rights, one thing that Gravelle made clear during his announcement was the fact that uranium will not be part of the review as it is ordinarily governed at the Federal level.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who took a lead role in garnering support for a moratorium on uranium mining & exploration in the County said, "Scheduling these consultation meetings without adequate time for anyone to prepare is not really fair play."

Burton's comments mirrored the sentiments of Timmins Mayor Tom Laughren who also said, "It's short notice." Laughren said that city representatives would be joining mining industry experts and the Timmins Economic Development Corporation to participate in the session in Timmins but he also commented that they hadn't been given a lot of time to put anything together.

Robin Simpson, co-founder of FUME voiced his extreme disappointment with the way the Ontario government is handling the consultations. That Haliburton has been bypassed as a key location for a public meeting, lack of suitable notification of the meetings and the fact that uranium will not form part of the discussions all stick in Simpson's craw.

"I'm very unhappy with the way the government is dealing with this. They haven't seen fit to call a meeting in an area where exploration is actually taking place."

Simpson went on to say that the meetings in Timmins, Sudbury and Toronto in particular will all be heavily attended by mining companies and groups that support mining activities. (Toronto is touted in the Ministry's news release as the mine financing capital of the world. In 2006, more than 80 percent of the global mining industry's public financings were conducted through the Toronto Stock Exchange.)

As soon as FUME got the word about the consultation process, they launched an e-mail campaign urging their members to e-mail Premier McGuinty's office requesting an opportunity for voices in Haliburton to be heard. According to Simpson, the Premier's office has failed to respond to any of the 1,000 letters that have been sent from the Haliburton area asking for a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration and a review of the Mining Act.

Simpson said, "I think this is a huge mistake. There are two million people in Ontario who have voiced their disapproval of uranium mining, so once again the government is not listening to their constituents or the people affected by uranium."

If FUME is unsuccessful in scheduling a meeting in Haliburton, Simpson says his organization will be making every effort to ensure they have representation at each of the meetings being scheduled with a specific goal of getting as many members as possible to attend the meeting in Kingston. According to Simpson, while meetings are open to the public, only select speakers will be allowed to address the panel. Simpson himself will try to get on the agenda to speak in Sudbury.

Simpson was scheduled to meet over the weekend with other coalition members to discuss strategy. "I think at this point the fight has come down to the mining act itself." The coalition will be working on making what they're calling 'three modest proposals.'

Their first recommendation will be that the Provincial government upholds the intent of the provisions of the Public Lands Act of 1913 by giving the minerals back to those landowners whose minerals have been confiscated by the Province. This would ensure that the small percentage of property owners (less than two percent) who don't own their mineral rights would be treated in the same manner as the other 98% of property owners in Ontario.

Their second recommendation will be to give municipal governments the right and ability to develop and enforce official plans that can effectively control land use within their boundaries.

The third recommendation is that the provincial government establishes regulations requiring a comprehensive assessment of the environmental, legal, and economic and health impacts before any mineral exploration activities can be undertaken by anyone. This would ensure that land owners could not arbitrarily decide to allow their land to be used for mining if it would have an adverse effect on others. It would also ensure that municipal officials could not arbitrarily decide to permit a mining operation without considering the effects on the rights and interests of others.

Simpson admits that going in this direction is a bit of a step back from the request for a moratorium. He does say, "Moratoriums can be lifted at any time. If we get these recommendations passed they will have a much greater and long-standing impact." ■

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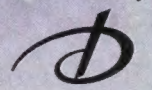
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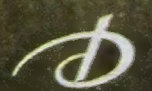
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# A Sign of the Times

Mark Arike  
Staff Reporter

## Missing Road and 911 Signs Cost Thousands to Replace Each Year

Roads and 911 signs help people find their way around Haliburton County. They are especially important to local emergency workers who need to find a location fast in the case of a potentially life-threatening situation. Unfortunately, many of these signs are senselessly removed each year, forcing the municipality to spend thousands of dollars while the public is put at risk.

Recently, Miles Maughan, Dysart et al Fire Chief, was on a routine call in the Village of Haliburton. While looking for the location of the call on Fred Jones Rd., he noticed that at least five 911 signs were missing. Luckily, the call he was on turned out to be a false alarm.

In a phone interview with *The Voice*, Maughan said that missing signs pose quite a problem to emergency response personnel.

"The signs are really important. It would have been really bad if this were a real medical emergency and we were kept driving around looking," he said. Maughan went on to say that the fire department would report the missing signs to the County.

Cathy Howe, 911 Clerk for Haliburton County, says that they were already aware these signs went missing.

"We knew about all the ones Miles mentioned. We've

ordered replacement signs and they should be in within the next week," said Howe in an interview on Wednesday, Aug. 6. "We wish we could catch someone in the act. This has become quite a problem in the County."

Howe says that a civic addressing bylaw states that a person(s) can be fined up to \$2,000 for the removal of a sign. She calls it "a criminal act." If caught a person could also face charges by the OPP ranging anywhere from mischief to theft.

And whether the sign is big or small, it doesn't seem to make a difference to the culprits.

"We had one sign with the name 'Four Wheel Drive'. It's all one piece, and consists of an anchor, post and blade. It was dragged right out of the ground," she said. The sign isn't a light one either, weighing a couple of hundred pounds."

Replacement signs take up to three weeks to make their way to the County because they are ordered from an out-of-town contractor.

According to Roy Haig, Engineering Services Manager for the County, there are certain "hot spots" in the County where signs have been removed.

"It's a really big problem and costs us thousands of dollars per year," said Haig. "We're replacing about 10-15 signs per month."

Not only is this costing taxpayers, but it's posing a serious danger to those who have their road or 911 sign removed.

"Unfortunately these people have no regard for the health and safety of others," commented Haig.

So far this year, the County has replaced 103 road name signs at an average cost of \$75 per sign. This cost includes the sign, post, hardware and installation. Excluded from this statistic are the signs that get replaced on high speed County roads and MTO highways. Last year, a total of 112 road name signs were replaced.

So does Haig see signage removal as an increasing problem?

"I wouldn't say that it's increasing or decreasing. It's fairly static."

And to Haig's knowledge, the perpetrators involved in these acts have never been caught. He says that the OPP have been doing their best to help put a stop to these activities.

"The OPP do some investigating but it's hard for them to get a handle on it. They're spread thin as it is," said Haig.

In a message to the public, Haig says they should keep their eyes and ears open at all times.

"They should remain vigilant. If their sign is removed they should contact the OPP right away. This is a big problem and it costs a lot of money. We need the participation from the public."

When it comes to the 911 civic addressing signs, the property owner is responsible for their upkeep. However,

Haig says that if a sign is accidentally damaged by the municipality, they are likely to fix the sign.

"If they know that the municipality did it, I'm sure they'll (municipality) fork over the money," he said. For example, snowploughs have inadvertently hit signs causing the damages.

Property owners and occupants are reminded that they must ensure both sides of their civic address blade are visible from the roadway at all times. If your sign needs repair or replacement, new blades and posts can be ordered through the County Office at a cost of \$25 each. The 911 addressing system was first launched in the County in December of 2004.

If you see any suspicious activity or catch someone in the act of removing a sign, contact the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment at 705 286-1431 or toll free at 1 888-310-1122. For 911 sign inquiries, call Cathy Howe at 705 286-1333 ext. 235. ■



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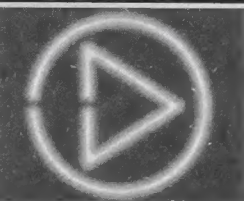
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# Council Gives \$5000 to Creative Cluster

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter

This week the Dysart Council agreed to back an implementation plan for a Creative Business Cluster. In keeping with the Municipal slogan "Where it's Art" an allocation of \$5,000 was made to assist the Creative Business Incubator Committee in taking the next steps toward the development of a two-year pilot project.

Cluster Committee Chair Barb Bolin made a presentation to Council in July and reviewed the results of a feasibility study conducted by Roger Jones & Associates. The study examined the viability of an arts business incubator that would provide combined working and living space for two artists or creative entrepreneurs. The overall objective of the incubator is to increase the number of businesses in the area and further define Haliburton as a creative community. Bolin requested \$15,000 to support the pilot project.

While Council were generally supportive of the project when they heard Bolin's earlier presentation, they were unanimous in their concern about where the money would actually come from as there are no established reserves available. They were unable to make a decision at the time, but agreed to give the matter further consideration and said they would give Bolin a decision in August.

August has rolled around, and Bolin was present on Monday for Council's decision. However, that decision appeared to be no easier to make the second time around. Reeve Murray Fearrey advised Bolin that some concern had been raised that the funding could benefit individuals. Bolin responded that the funds would be used only to plan and administer the pilot project and that costs for accommodation and space would be paid by the individuals chosen to participate.

Bolin reviewed the committee's next steps which include working into other funding, preparing a governance and marketing plan, seeking out opportunities for partnerships, finding a suitable location, developing a protocol for equipment supply and use and developing selection criteria for artists as well as a mentoring plan.

Fearrey asked for Council's comments and Councillor Andrea Roberts dove in and said that she supported the concept, but had needed some time to digest it. She again voiced concern about what pocket the money was to come from and said that Council receives many requests for funding. Roberts said, "We're well into the year. If this project could be deferred until next year we could budget for it properly."

Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said he too supported the concept, but he would like to see more details on how the money would be spent. He also voiced concern about the budget and how the Council could allocate the funds.

Councillor Janis Parker commented that the pilot project was a two year plan and asked if the money could be spread out over two years or offered in \$5,000 increments. Bolin said that the Committee had anticipated using the funds for planning. She said other funding opportunities might be available but the success of those applications could hinge on Council's support.

Fearrey said, "If there is a willingness to fund the project in 2009, would that preclude other opportunities?" Bolin was concerned that this would set the project back an additional year.

Councillor Derek Knowles said, "We have limited resources and must strike a balance as to where we make this type of investment." He went on to say that there are other associations and potential industries that can bring jobs and business to the municipality, giving hunting, fishing and forestry as examples. Knowles also said, "By the same token, the arts get a disproportionate amount of funds from us and we have to be very careful to ensure we're not ignoring other areas."

Bolin agreed that the arts do get considerable funding in Haliburton but they also generate funds. She said that while many organizations receive funding, this project has had more research, is growing and has more momentum. Bolin again said that municipal support would make a considerable difference in getting funding from other sources.

The matter was left to the end of the meeting to allow Council more time to consider the request. Fearrey agreed that partnerships would likely have a better chance of success with their support and suggested a \$5,000 allocation to assist the Committee in seeking out more funding.

Parker suggested a 50/50 partnership. Parker said she had just recently had an indication of interest from artists. "A lot of them are moving here and we don't have a lot of things to offer, but we can build on the arts."

Council finally passed a resolution allocating \$5,000 toward the project in order for the committee to create and implement a plan, provided the other \$10,000 can be raised from other sources. ■

## Dysart Goes Electronic?

"The amount of paper created in this office is unbelievable." (Deputy Reeve Bill Davis)

This week the Dysart et al Council showed signs that they are preparing to move into the modern age of electronics. While they aren't the first to take this step, Council decided on Monday that they would consider going to electronic agendas in efforts to save the mountains of paper normally required for each and every meeting.

The Highlands East Council has been using laptops and electronic agendas on CD's for some time and recently Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that the Dysart Council consider the same process. According to CAO Tammy McKelvey it would involve documents being scanned and stored on a USB key in PDF format.

In a report to Council, McKelvey said that scanning documents and emailing the agenda to Council members as an alternate to the USB keys was not feasible because of the size of the files and lack of high speed service for many.

McKelvey outlined the cost of laptops and indicated that a certain amount of additional staff time would be involved for scanning, saving and copying the documents, in addition to printing out copies of the agendas for the press. Given the estimate of \$1300 for each laptop for both Council and staff the cost would be approximately \$10,000 which means that this would likely not be implemented until next year if Council decides to proceed.

Councillor Andrea Roberts said that from time to time she likes to look back at certain documents and asked that the agendas be stored on discs. However, staff suggested that CD's are not always reliable and the agendas could be saved to the individual members' hard drives.

Fearrey asked about the savings involved, adding that he would likely want to print some items out to look at or have on hand. He also said that if Council were in agreement it would have to be planned for 2009. Fearrey also asked how the larger items would be handled.

Councillor Steve Pogue commented that 99% of the agenda items are printed on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper and if larger proposals being reviewed needed maps they could be distributed separately. Pogue was supportive of the electronic agenda packages and said that Council should have to print out copies at their own expense.

Councillor Janis Parker said that she was satisfied with the present system but Deputy Reeve Bill Davis said he had progressed a long way and would support the use of laptops, adding that the amount of paper created in the office was unbelievable. Roberts agreed that the idea was worth considering, but commented that some Council members would have to be brought up to speed (although no names were mentioned.)

Parker reminded Council that there were power implications as the existing desks in the Council Chambers do not have power receptacles.

Council was generally in agreement to take this step and will be making their final decision on the matter some time in November or December.

In addition to the electronic agendas, Councillor Parker proposed that Council consider developing an electronic newsletter. She said she had received enquiries about a newsletter and that instituting something now would be timely as a tender is being prepared to update and manage the Dysart et al website. Parker said that preparation of the newsletter could be one of the features included in the tender.

Parker provided a sample of what the newsletter could look like, saying that information could also be cut and pasted from other sites. She suggested that for now she could direct people to subscribe to the newsletter from Haliburton County which is prepared by Amy Brohm.

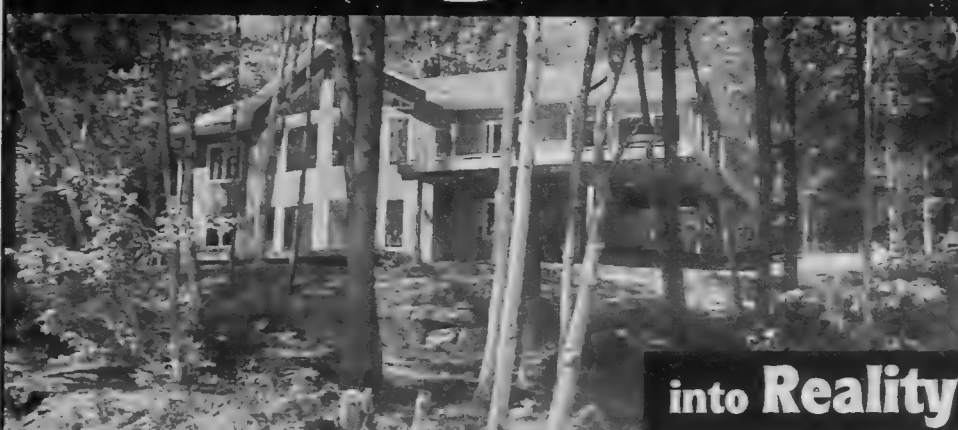
Council agreed to proceed with the idea and for Parker to contact people who had indicated an interest to advise them a newsletter is in the development stages. ■

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# Friendly Fishing Frenzy

## Kawartha Lakes Fishing Club Hosts Annual Derby

At 7:30am last Sunday morning 60 anglers in 30 boats embarked from Bryson's Marina on Lake Kashagawigamog. The fishers were participating in the Kawartha Lakes Fishing Club Derby and competing for a pricey purse.

"The fishing club wanted to use our marina because of our easy access boat launch and parking facilities," marina owner Glenda Bryson said. "I cut the launch fee in half for them, and decided that their fees would be donated to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services. We also decided to match the fees dollar for dollar. The club paid \$300 in fees, so a total of \$600 was given to the HHHS."

Travelling throughout Lakes Kashagawigamog, Soyers, Grass, Head, and Canning, the anglers were not overly impressed with the fishing. "There's been a lot of poor weather this year which has negatively affected the fishing," said KLFC vice president Dan McMullen. "I have a cottage on Kashagawigamog, and the fishing is usually better. It was pretty tough fishing out there."

Despite the sub-par fishing, there were some big catches. "Scot Murison and Jim Coverly were the winning team. By the end of the day they caught five fish for a total weight of 16 pounds [7.25k]. They also caught the biggest fish, a small mouth bass, which was 5.02 pounds [2.27k]," McMullen said. Murison and Coverly won a \$1200 purse, awarded by the KLFC.

"The event was a live release derby," McMullen said. "So every fish that was caught was released back into the lake."

McMullen said that the KLFC chose Kashagawigamog because of Haliburton County's central location in Ontario, and because of the many resorts and accommodations in the area. "We had anglers come from across Ontario, so they needed somewhere to stay for the weekend," he said.

This was the second year that the KLFC hosted the derby on Lake Kashagawigamog. According to McMullen, the club plans on returning next summer. ■

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## Do you have the Worst Road in the Highlands?

Last week the County Voice began the Worst Roads in the Highland Competitions. The provincial and federal government recently announced that they were giving billions of dollars to Ontario municipalities. The municipalities within Haliburton County will likely get a slice of the pie, and they'll probably spend some of it on road repair. The question is, what roads will the mend? You can help the local municipalities decide which roads to repair!

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## Police Reports

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP Detachment responded to a report of a collision on County Rd. 507 in the Township of Highlands East on Sunday, Aug. 2 at approximately 2:10 a.m.

As a result of the investigation, 29-year old April Pearsell of Haliburton County was charged with driving over 80 mgs. Pearsell will be appearing in Minden court on Wednesday, September 3.

## Months after Brutal Assault

### Attackers Still at Large

Arrests yet to be made after the stabbing of Haliburton's Stuart Tilling

Tyson Farrell

Staff Reporter

It's been almost four months since Stuart Tilling, the owner of Codfather's Restaurant, was viciously stabbed in Haliburton village. Despite the many weeks that have elapsed since the assault, the OPP have not made an arrest.

The attack occurred on April 12 when Tilling was closing down his restaurant for the night, and allowed two males into the building. Tilling was assaulted and the males fled. Fortunately 911 was dialed and paramedics and police quickly arrived on the scene. Tilling was seriously wounded and sent to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

The suspect(s) were described as male, 25 years of age, wearing hoodies.

The week after the assault, OPP Community Liaison Officer Mark McMaster told the Voice that, "This investigation involves a lot of leg work."

When Voice reporters phoned the Minden OPP office to enquire about the progress of the investigation they were told to contact Detective Constable Marsha Corbett. Corbett works at the Kawartha Lakes OPP detachment in Lindsay, and is one of the detectives responsible for the investigation. In an attempt to protect the integrity of the investigation, Corbett yielded very little information. Most questions received a reply of "no comment," though Corbett did say that no arrests had been made.

"There's a lot of follow up work to do," McMaster said. "The investigation is ongoing, and they're working on it." McMaster was quick to add that, "Assaults like this are very rare in the Highlands, and people should not be worried about their safety."

Not all Highlanders are as sure of their safety as McMaster is. "I think this is a real cause for concern," said cottager Mike Larson. "A local store owner is assaulted in his store on Main Street Haliburton, and months later nobody has been arrested. What kind of message does that send to people? It says that you can stab somebody and get away with it." ■

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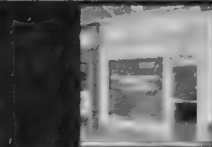
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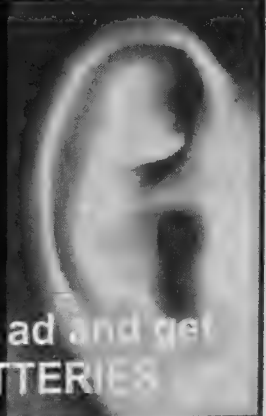
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## 'Megagrass' Biofuel

New research in the United States may have found a way to use the majority of traditional grain crops for food rather than diverting nearly a quarter of them for biofuel production. A team from the University of Illinois says the giant perennial grass *Miscanthus x giganteus* can produce far more biofuels per acre than current sources, such as corn. To achieve the current White House goal of offsetting 20 percent of gasoline use with ethanol would take about a quarter of all U.S. cropland out of food production, the researchers say. Writing in the journal *Global Change Biology*, crop sciences professor Stephen P. Long said that *Miscanthus* can be grown on land unsuitable for growing corn or other grains, meaning that acreage used for those crops could be once again allocated exclusively for food production. Long also wrote that *Miscanthus* is a perennial grass that grows up to 13 feet in height, and once planted will return each year. It also removes carbon from the atmosphere and places it into the soil far more efficiently than annual crops such as corn or soybeans.

## Earthquakes

A powerful temblor killed three people, injured 22 others and wrecked scores of homes in China's quake-prone Sichuan-Gansu border region. The same region was devastated by an 8.0 magnitude earthquake on May 12 that left nearly 90,000 people dead or missing.

A sharp quake on Indonesia's remote Sumbawa Island destroyed more than 500 homes and damaged at least 825 others. Officials said that five people were injured during the shaking, which was centered about 160 miles east-northeast of Bali.

## California Hot Spot

Geologists in Southern California are puzzled by a patch of ground that has warmed to 812 degrees Fahrenheit, igniting a brush fire that burned three acres last month. "We are a little perplexed at this point, to tell you the truth," geologist David Panaro told the *Ventura County Star*. This is the fifth time that the patch of steep, rugged terrain a few miles north of the town of Fillmore has become hot, according to retired U.S. Forest Service geologist Allen King. He told the *Star* that he has seen small plumes of smoke wafting from cracks in the ground at the site. One theory being floated for the ground being hot enough to melt glue in the soles of boots is that hydrocarbons, such as natural gas or oil, are burning beneath the surface. Scientists say they are unable to determine exactly what could have started such a fire, or how long it's been burning.

## French Twister

A freak tornado wrecked more than 40 houses in northern France, killing three people and prompting one survivor to commit suicide after seeing his home destroyed. The bodies of the victims were pulled from rubble in the town of Hautmont, near France's border with Belgium. The last significant tornado to strike France was part of an outbreak in June 1967 that spawned twisters in France, Belgium and the Netherlands.

## Monsoon Flood Disaster

Unusually heavy monsoon deluges have killed more than 100 people and caused widespread destruction across Pakistan. Most of the fatalities occurred in the North-West Frontier Province and adjoining tribal areas near the Afghan border,

where flash floods swept away hundreds of mud homes. About 82,000 people were displaced by flooding in the eastern province of Punjab.

## Tropical Cyclones

Some Olympic equestrian venues sustained light damage when Tropical Storm Kammuri moved ashore to the southwest of Hong Kong. The third such storm of the season in South China brought heavy rain to Guangdong province before dissipating over the high terrain of far northern Vietnam.

Tropical Storm Edouard caused light damage and flooding as it moved ashore from the Gulf of Mexico near the Texas-Louisiana border.

## 111-Year-Old Dad

A venerable New Zealand reptile that has outlived nearly every human who was also born in 1897 finally became a father at the ripe old age of 111. Henry the tuatara is a member of a species considered to be "living fossils" because they are thought to be the last descendants of a creature that roamed the Earth during the age of the dinosaurs 225 million years ago. He had shown no interest in the opposite sex during most of the 40 years he has lived in captivity at the Southland Museum, and was kept in isolation due to his aggressive behavior. But all that changed after a cancerous tumor was removed from his bottom. He has since been enjoying the company of three females, and mated with Mildred, a younger tuatara in her 70s, who produced 12 eggs in July. The museum had tried to mate Henry with Mildred 25 years ago, but he instead bit her tail off ... twice.

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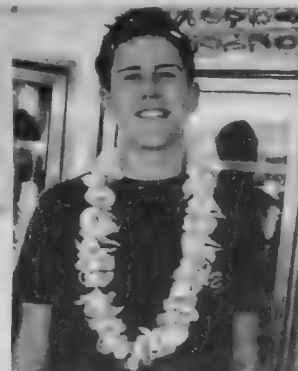
We went to Haliburton campsites around town asking people, "Have you enjoyed wilderness camping this summer in the beautiful Highlands?"

Jen Coughlan, Hastings - With all the rains there's been I've only managed to get out camping once this year. Raccoons broke into my tent and stole some food. I wasn't impressed.



Kayla Preston-Lord, Peterborough - I came up from Peterborough just to go camping. We went on a beautiful lake with no buildings on it. We got to camp on an island and listen to loons. I think we heard some wolves too.

Mike Lawler, Peterborough - Yes, I've gone camping. I think we should all get used to roughing it, because we're going to have to soon when the oil runs out.



Tristan Ellis, Minden - I was in Algonquin Park a few weeks ago and I camped for a several nights. There are good canoe routes up there. I really enjoy spending time in the wilderness because it lets you get away from it all.

Rohan Rajpal, Nainital, India - I've gone camping this summer. I had no idea there were such beautiful places in Canada. I also didn't realize that there were mosquitoes in Canada. They're not as bad as the ones in India though.



Wade Hawley, Haliburton - I've managed to get out once or twice this summer. I wish that I did it more. There are some great campsites up here and it's a lot of fun.

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# Kennisis Lake Regatta 50th celebration

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What a great time to catch up with old friends and to make new ones. The Regatta was well attended even with the overcast day. Fireworks topped the event off in the evening.

Gloria Carnochan spoke about the coffee table book she has volunteered to put together about the history of Kennisis Lake area, the Association and the Regatta. She would be grateful to anyone supplying her with their memories and pictures of their adventures, roads as they were in the 50's 60's, marinas, dances, cottage association etc.

She mentioned Al Garden the realtor with the little car and a flag sticking up so people would see him come over the hills. Gloria wondered if there has been a realtor on the lake before Al or was he the one who started selling the development when it opened up. This is all history to be gathered. The book will be Your input. Gloria is also looking for help with layout etc.



**Harper Trophy**

Lea Harper (right) presents the Harper Trophy for the marathon swim to a 3 time winner Nicole Peirce. Lea's Grandmother donated the trophy some 40 plus years ago.



**Kleinschmidt Family 5 generations**



50 years ago Dick Kleinschmidt was part of a group of friends who started the Kennisis Lake Regatta for friends and family to meet and have fun. "The cottage where we spent our summer was called Mr Hooboo's was sold to my cousin. We still all come up and rent every summer. This year there was 25 of us from as far as Colorado and Ohio. The Regatta to us is a time to see old friends and make new ones. Next generations meet and become best friends. Please take care of the lake as I plan on attending another 50 regattas."

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## Duchene leads Canada... continued from front page

And then he said something that serves to underscore the mettle of this young man. "I go into every one of these camps with an open mind, and I'm there to listen and learn and to get to know the guys." It's precisely that knack for clarity and capturing essence that epitomizes Matt Duchene and his dedication to purpose. It's an innate ethic that reaches far beyond the rock solid foundation of his superbly structured hockey talent.

Heady stuff for a self-effacing young man, who brings both a wealth of talent and a prepossessing intelligence to every team he plays on. Not surprising then, that when it came to naming a Captain for this under-18 squad, the coaches, Bill Peters, Steve Spott, and André Tourigny, never flinched, and in a cat's blink pointed unanimously to Duchene.

On Tuesday afternoon, in the first game of the Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Under 18 Tourney, Captain Matt stepped to the plate and promptly raised the combined Intelligence Quotient (IQ) of the coaching staff by a factor of 10.

Duchene scored a goal and an assist and was named the Player of the Game in a 5-3 win over a surprisingly feisty Swiss team in the opening game of the Ivan Hlinka tourney in Piestany, Slovakia.

Canada out-shot the Swiss 47-19 and 18-2 in the second period alone. But after that withering onslaught a goal just 34 seconds into the third frame saw the Swiss narrow the margin to 3-2.

This presented a pretty bleak scenario for the Canadian club who could have been forgiven for feeling a little edgy, considering the huge discrepancy in shots on goal and all those missed opportunities. Cue the captain, who went out and did what captains do. Head coach Bill Peters gave full marks to Duchene after the game, crediting his captain with settling the troops.

"You feel like you should have a bit of a lead at that point," said Canadian coach Bill Peters (in a CP wire story posted shortly after the game last Tuesday). "We dominated the second period territorially and on the shot clock, but we gave up a goal the first shift of the third."

Instead of succumbing to the yips, the Canadians responded.

Winnipeg's Scott Glennie (Brandon Wheat Kings) scored on a power play seven minutes into the third and Duchene scored less than a minute later to seal the deal.

"We just kept focusing on the positives," said Duchene after the game. "We were playing well and just wanted to stick to the game plan."

None of this post-game banter was lost on Peters. Hearing the comments from Duchene he could only reiterate the heady words of the game's first star.

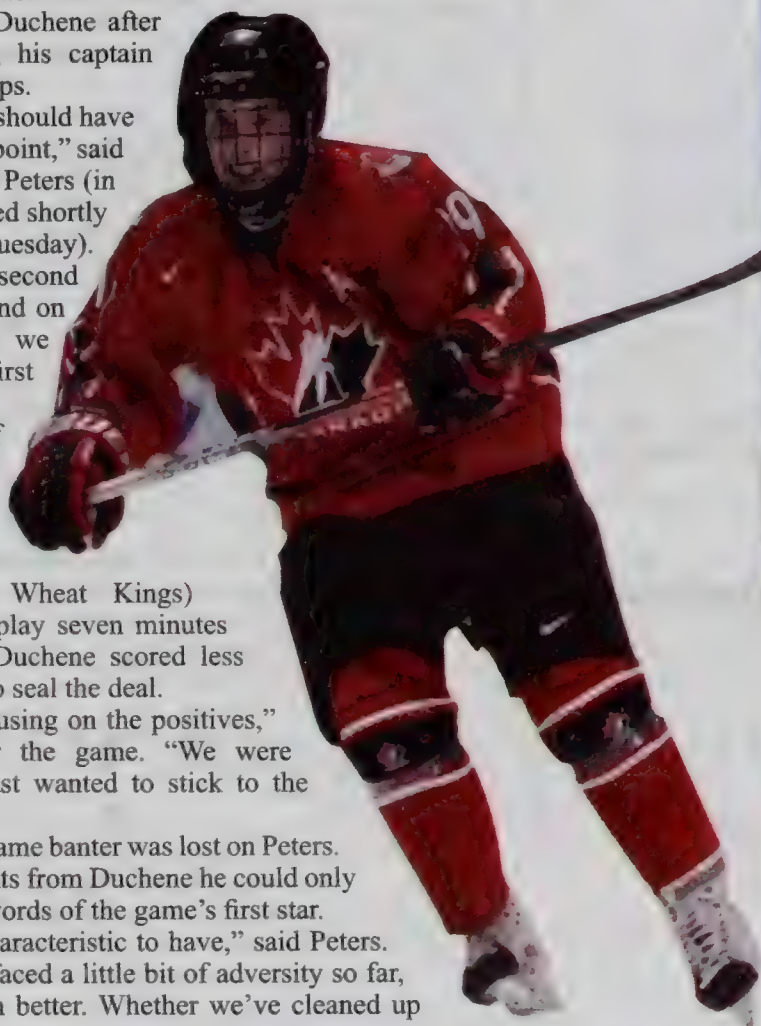
"That's a good characteristic to have," said Peters. "Every time we've faced a little bit of adversity so far, our game has gotten better. Whether we've cleaned up

our (defensive) zone or smartened up through the neutral zone with decisions and found a way to extend the lead, we've done that. It's a good characteristic to have."

Duchene added that the young Canadian squad was crystal clear and on point going into this preliminary tilt.

"If you lose once, you're not going to play for the gold," said Duchene. Mark this one mission accomplished for Team Canada. The squad teed it up against Sweden on Wednesday afternoon. Results were not available at press. See results at hockeycanada.ca or on TSN.■

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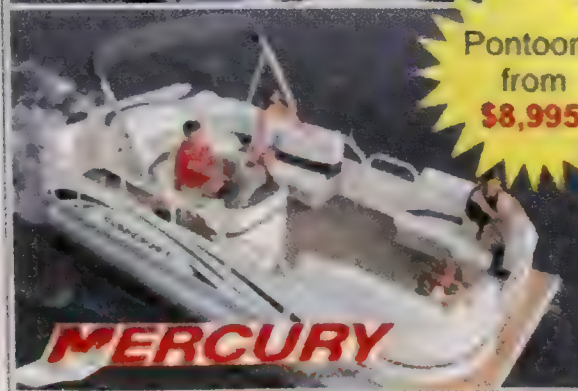
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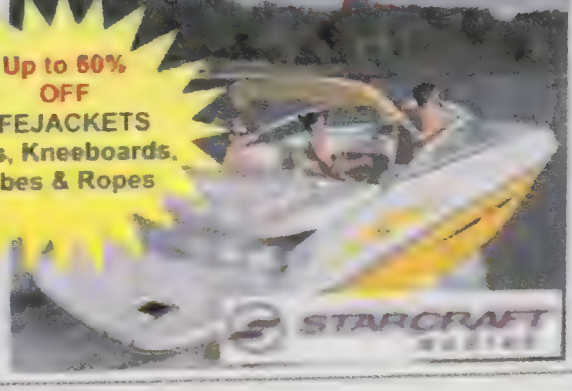
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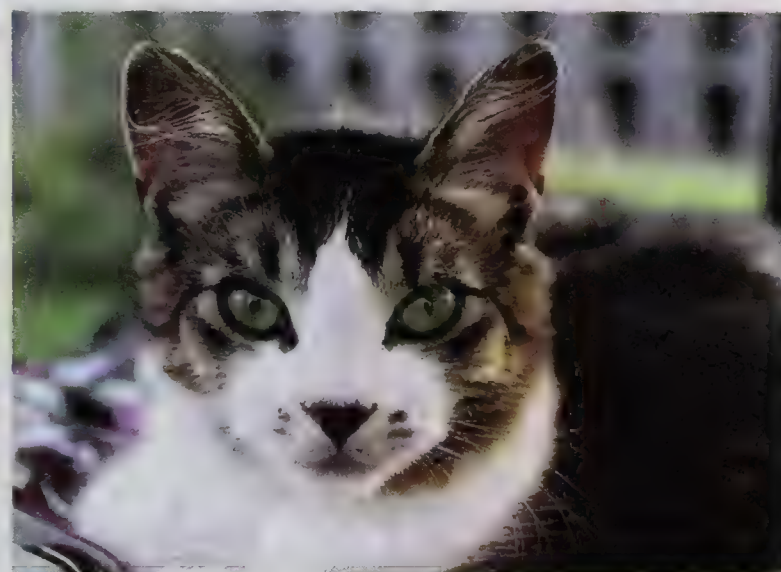
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There are no commitments or viable plans for economic development at the airport and potential users have not indicated any interest.

#### PUBLIC MEETING PLANNED FOR SEPT. 20TH

Council is intending to call a public meeting for September 20th - 10am at the Dorset Recreation Centre located in the Hamlet of Dorset. At that time they will present the case for the proposed crosswind runway at Stanhope/County Airport.

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## Outdoors Association Pickerel Fry Attracts Hundreds

Tyson Farrell  
Staff Reporter



The Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) hosted their annual pickerel fry at the fish hatchery on Saturday. Hundreds of people came out to enjoy the feast, which included pickerel, french fries, and coleslaw. The HHOA was lucky, because the forecast called for rain, but the sun shone long enough for everybody to dine outdoors.

"We've added an extra fryer for the fish this year," said HHOA second vice president Dan Johnson. "We needed an extra fryer because the line ups were so long last year. We've had a good turn out today. We weren't supposed to start serving food until 4pm, but there was already a line up at 3:40pm, so we started early. A lot of people come out to these fries. We sell more than 150 pounds of fish. The annual pickerel fry is important to the HHOA, because it's one of our biggest fundraisers. We want lots of people to come out, because you need to make hay while the sun shines."

All of the pickerel served were caught in the wild, in Ontario lakes. HHOA members considered the fry a success, with several thousand dollars being raised, although an exact figure was not available at press time. The success was due to the many volunteers that laboured throughout the day, cooking, preparing, and serving the delicious food. ■

## New Money for the Outdoors Association?

Tyson Farrell  
Staff Reporter

### Orillia Conservation Club Impressed after Tour of Hatchery

At the beginning of the summer the MNR announced that they would not continue to give the Haliburton Highlands Outdoor Association (HHOA) \$25,000 annually. Since that announcement, the HHOA has been searching high and low for new sources of funding. They may have found one in the Orillia Fish and Game Conservation Club (OFGCC). On Saturday six members of the OFGCC toured the Haliburton Fish Hatchery, and they liked what they saw.

The OFGCC members were greeted by HHOA president Keith Hodgson, who explained the HHOA's mandate, founding, programmes, and future plans. "It's great to see other outdoor clubs coming to view our facilities," Hodgson said. "It's a big step for the HHOA."

The OFGCC guests were given a tour of the building by HHOA fish biologist Lindsey Robertson. They were surprised and delighted to learn about the genetically unique Haliburton Gold lake trout. The OFGCC members were also impressed by the thousands of young fish swimming in the hatchery tanks.

After touring the building the visitors were given a tour of the new archery range by student volunteer Shane Dibblee. Afterwards they sat down for a lunch of Ontario pickerel, prepared and cooked by HHOA volunteers.

By the end of their visit it was evident that the OFGCC members were impressed. "We heard that the Highlands Outdoor Association could use some funds," said OFGCC president

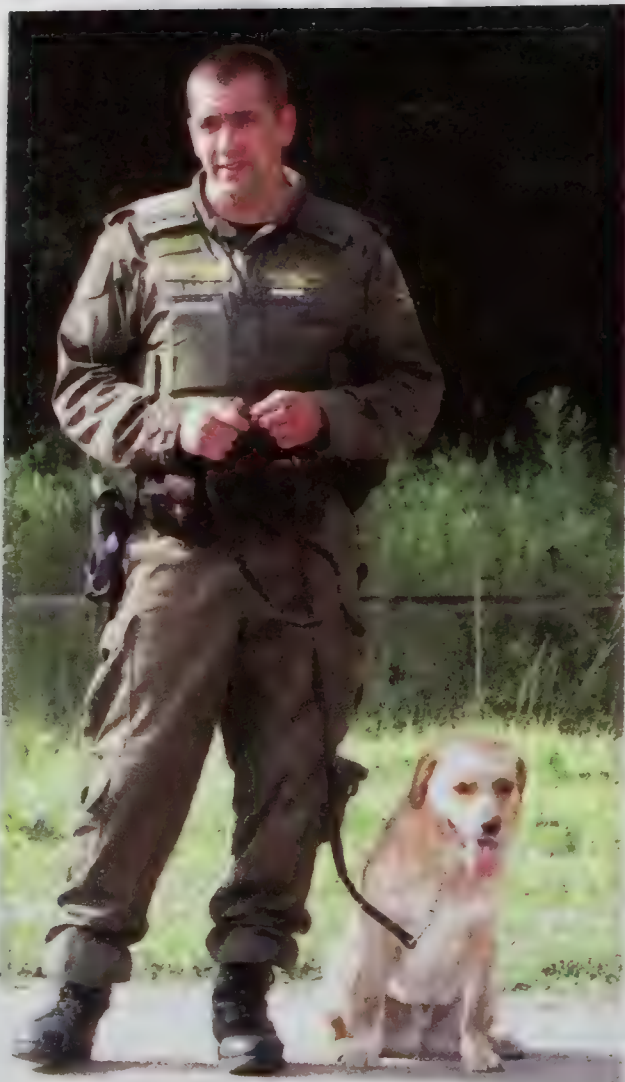
Ron Hunt Sr. "Our club is fairly flush financially, and we understand that it's nearly impossible to get MNR funding. We'll likely donate \$5,000 to the HHOA. First we're going back to Orillia to discuss what we saw here with our members. Ultimately they'll decide, but I believe that our members will vote to pass the motion, and the HHOA will get the \$5,000." ■



## 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Wilberforce Agricultural Fair







# Local MNR Detachment Increases in Size

*Bobby and Tanner the Latest Addition to the MNR Team*

Tyson Farrell  
Staff Reporter

The Bancroft district Ministry of Natural Resources proudly announced the arrival of their two newest employees last week. Bobby and Tanner arrived in Bancroft from Sudbury on Monday morning, and they couldn't be happier. If you don't believe that they're excited, just look at their wagging tails.

Bobby and Tanner are two exceptionally hard working, four legged employees. The Bancroft MNR district, which includes the Haliburton Highlands, received the canine unit last week. The team consists of Conservation Officer and Canine Handler Colin Cotnam, and the two yellow lab mixes. "I've worked in the Bancroft MNR office for four years, and I heard that we were getting a canine unit a few months ago. I volunteered for the position and was fortunate enough to be chosen," Cotnam said.

When Cotnam was accepted into the program he moved to Sudbury where he was introduced to Bobby and Tanner. "When I met the dogs we began to train. For more than four months we trained in Sudbury. The dogs were taught agility, to detect evidence, differentiate smells, track humans, patrol, and more."

When the dogs did well in training they would be rewarded with a ball. "For a dog to be trained he has to be ball crazy. They have to love and crave balls and want to play with them. So when the dog does well he gets to play," Cotnam said. Through this positive reinforcement method, Bobby and Tanner became skilled employees.

"The dogs are extremely skilled," Cotnam said. "They have great noses. They can smell the difference between a walleye, a rainbow trout, a lake trout, and other fish. They

can distinguish different fish species just by their smell. They can do this with deer, moose, and many different animals."

Bobby and Tanner will use their exceptional smelling skills for multiple tasks. When the MNR searches boats, trailers, houses, and forests for poached animals, Bobby and Tanner can easily sniff out contraband. "Some fishermen hide their illegal catches in the snow. The dogs will find it, no problem. I will travel to different parts of Ontario with these dogs, and even use them to catch people smuggling animals at border checks."

If somebody gets lost in the forest the dogs are trained to follow the human scent and track the victim down. The dogs are also being used for education and public relations. "These dogs are a great way to teach people about the Ministry and the environment. I'll be taking them to schools to teach children, to outdoors associations, and other groups. I've already given a demonstration at a public school. The kids love the dogs," Cotnam said.

The dogs' training never ends, and every two months Bobby and Tanner return to Sudbury with Cotnam for a week of training.

When Tanner and Bobby aren't working with the MNR they're at home with Cotnam. "I'm with the dogs 24/7. I work with them and they live at my house," he said. "I really love working with the dogs. They surprise you everyday with something new."

Cotnam says that people can expect to see the dogs in the Highlands soon. "I'll be bringing them to schools in Haliburton County, and I'll most definitely be doing patrols in the Highlands with the dogs during hunting season."



## Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On Aug. 14, 1956, "Bus Stop," starring Marilyn Monroe, premieres in Atlantic City, N.J. The comedy, about a cowboy who falls for a saloon singer, provided Monroe with one of her finest comic roles.

On Aug. 15, 1914, the American-built waterway across the Isthmus of Panama, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, is inaugurated. In 1977, U.S. President Jimmy Carter signed a treaty to turn over the canal to Panama on Dec. 31, 1999.

On Aug. 16, 1948, baseball legend George Herman "Babe" Ruth dies from cancer in New York City. At a time when baseball was suffering through the disgrace of scandal, Ruth almost single-handedly salvaged the sport's popularity, hitting a record 60 home runs in the 1927 season and leading the Yankees to seven pennants.

On Aug. 17, 1978, the Double Eagle II completes the first trans-Atlantic balloon flight when it lands in a barley field near Paris, 137 hours after lifting off from Presque Isle, Maine. Over southern England, the wives of the three pilots flew close enough to the balloon in a private plane to blow kisses to their husbands.

On Aug. 18, 1941, Adolf Hitler orders that the systematic murder of the mentally ill and handicapped be brought to an end because of protests within Germany. But 50,000 people had already fallen victim to it. The practice would be revived in occupied Poland.

On Aug. 19, 1909, the first automobile race is held at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The track's surface of crushed rock and tar proved dangerous and was soon replaced with 3.2 million paving bricks, laid in a bed of sand and fixed with mortar. Dubbed "The Brickyard," the speedway reopened in December 1909.

On Aug. 20, 1921, author Jacqueline Susann is born. With her novels "Valley of the Dolls," "The Love Machine" and "Once Is Not Enough," Susann became the first novelist to have three bestsellers on the list at once.

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# Rotary Carnival Beats the Rain

## Rides, Games, Parade and a Car Draw Entice Crowds

The weather held out for the one-day only, Haliburton Rotary Carnival, which turned Head Lake Park into a playground for all ages and lined Highland St. with onlookers for the evening's parade.

"It was a good-sized crowd," said Jim Henwood, Rotarian and Chair of the Carnival. "A lot of people watched the parade, we sold out of beef early and there were lots of camp kids in the boat races." The boat race, known as "The Voyageur Cup", was new to the Carnival.

Jan McMaster, Rotary's Parade Organizer, said that there were more participants in this year's parade than last year's.

"There were about two camps, four community groups, a couple of not-for-profit groups and lot of cars," said McMaster.

Fireworks at Dusk, also a part of the Carnival, lit up the skies.

The annual car draw was also held by the Rotary for a brand-new 2008 Pontiac Solstice. This year's winner,

Lynda Williams, opted to take \$25,000 cash instead of the vehicle.

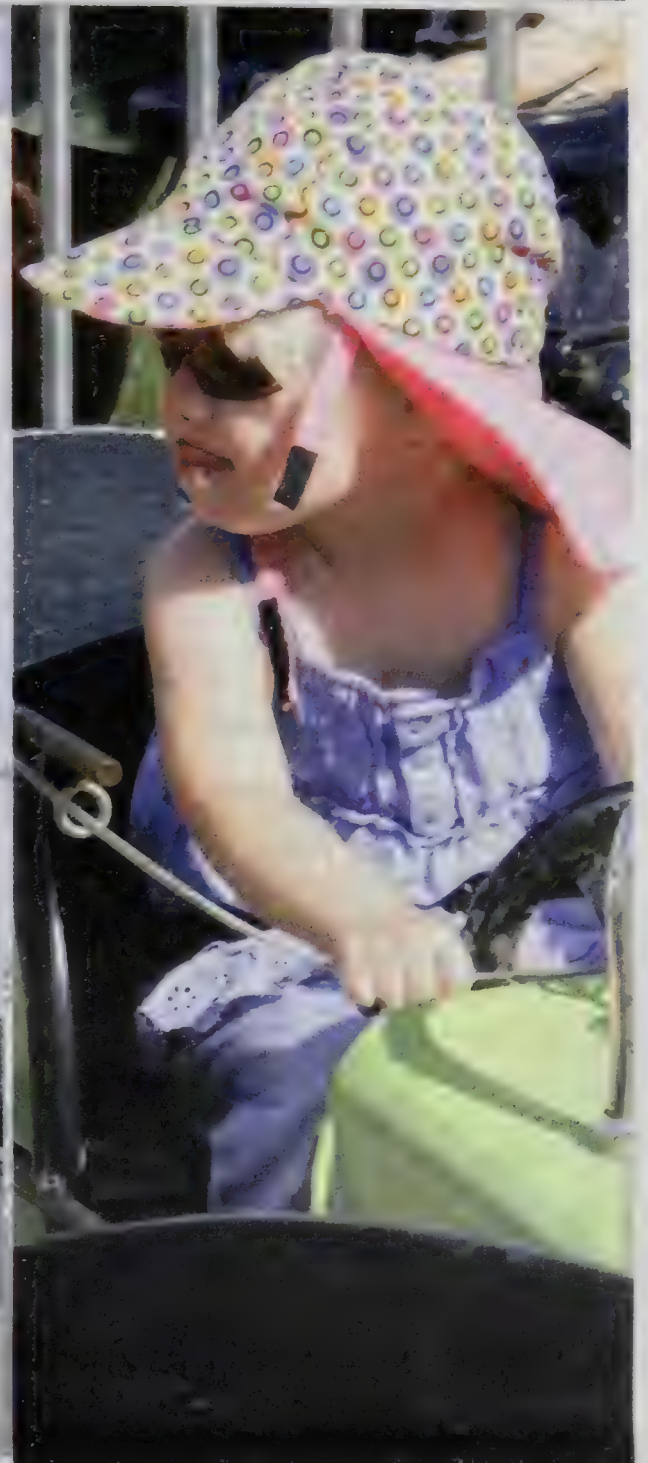
Williams, from Haliburton, was shocked to find out that she was the big winner of this year's draw. She purchased just one ticket for \$20 on her birthday - which was on the same day as the draw held on Wednesday, Aug. 6.

"I wasn't there for the draw, but I got a message from my neighbour that I had won. It was great," she said.

Williams, whose husband works in the parts department at Curry Motors, was presented with her cheque last week. She says that she intends on spending the money wisely.

"I'm just going to use it for some basic things. I need a new roof, a new stove and vacuum. Just all those things that we've been putting off!"

Jim Henwood said that a total of 5128 tickets were sold in this year's raffle bringing in close to \$90,000 gross. The proceeds will go to benefit various initiatives locally and internationally. ■



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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A surprise announcement from a colleague could put you on the defensive. Gather your facts and respond. You'll soon find the situation shifting in your favor.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Time spent away from a project pays off with a new awareness of options you hadn't considered before. Weigh them carefully before deciding which to choose.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Consider confronting that personal conflict while there's still time to work things out. A delay can cause more problems. A longtime colleague might offer to mediate.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Some emerging matters could impede the Lion's progress in completing an important project. Best advice: Deal with them now, before they can create costly delays.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your aspect continues to favor an expanding vista. This could be a good time to make a career move, and taking an out-of-town job could be a good way to do it.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Disruptive family disputes need to be settled so that everyone can move on. Avoid assuming this burden alone, though. Ask for -- no, demand -- help with this problem.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Patience is called for as you await word on an important workplace situation. A personal circumstance, however, could benefit by your taking immediate action.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Don't lose confidence in yourself. Those doubters are likely to back off if you demand they show solid proof why they think your ideas won't work.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A temporary setback might cause the usually sure-footed Goat some unsettling moments. But keep going. The path ahead gets easier as you move forward.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) There's welcome news from the workplace. There also could be good news involving a relationship that has long held a special meaning for you.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) You might still need to cut some lingering ties to a situation that no longer has the appeal it once held. In the meantime, you can start to explore other opportunities. The facts

Dear Abby  
by Abigail Van Buren

## The Gift Grinch

DEAR ABBY: When I proposed to my wife 15 years ago, I surprised her with a trip to San Francisco. We got engaged on one of the benches in Ghirardelli Square. I spent thousands on the ring and more on the flight, hotel, dinners, etc. Ever since, my wife has returned every gift I have given her for Christmas, her birthday, our anniversary and, most recently, on Mother's Day. It's never right. It's too small, too large, too expensive, too shiny, too furry -- too anything. Not surprisingly, my desire to buy her gifts has dwindled over the years to the point where I never feel like getting her anything. Our 14th anniversary is coming up. I know, as usual, she expects me to do something to celebrate the occasion -- but I don't want to waste time and effort on something she won't like and will return. I think she is ungrateful, and she will probably get nothing this time around as I am too tired to deal with it. However, if I don't buy something, I will probably feel guilty because she always buys me "something," even if it's another watch -- I already have seven, which I don't wear. What should I do? --  
GIFT GRINCH IN CARLSBAD

DEAR GIFT GRINCH: Rather than "surprise" your wife with nothing, have a talk with her. Explain that buying her gifts that only get returned is depressing and suggest that from now on you shop for gifts together. That way each of you can select something you will enjoy, and you can share the "thrill of the hunt" together.

DEAR ABBY: Where is it published that "you're welcome" should be replaced with, "No problem"? I never received that memo and, what's more, I don't think it makes sense. I didn't intend to be "a problem" to anyone in the first place. So why am I not "welcome" now? It seems that parents and children have abandoned all forms of courtesy. To those who still teach their children good manners, I say, "Thank you," and I hope you'll reply, "You're welcome." --  
MANNERLY MOM IN CUMBERLAND, MD.

DEAR MANNERLY MOM: You have posed an interesting question. If I had to make a guess, it might be "you're welcome" carries a connotation that what you are thanking the person for might have been a burden or an imposition. "No problem" is meant to convey that it wasn't a burden. While I agree that it can be jarring when you're expecting "you're welcome," English is an evolving language and, rather than becoming offended, perhaps you should be grateful that the person is trying to be gracious.

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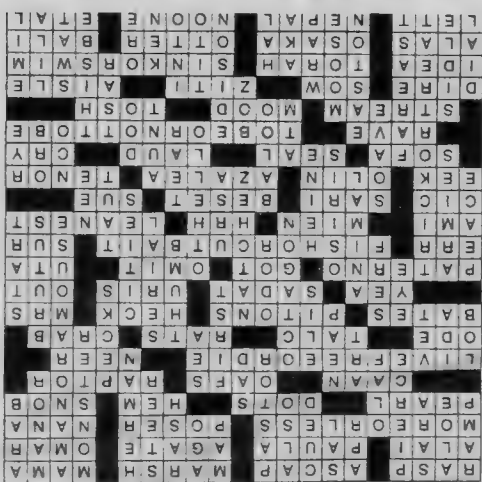
The favorite event, by far, was the dunking mug.

# Super Crossword

ALTERNATIVES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Type of file
  - 5 Broadway org.
  - 10 Bog
  - 15 — Cass
  - 19 Game ending?
  - 20 Prentiss or Poundstone
  - 21 Kind of quartz
  - 22 Vizquel of baseball
  - 23 Approximately
  - 25 Puzzling problem
  - 26 "Peter Pan" pooch
  - 27 Hester
  - 28 Kids connect them
  - 30 Shorten a skirt
  - 31 Social climber
  - 32 James of "Misery"
  - 35 Clods
  - 38 Owl or eagle
  - 40 New Hampshire's motto
  - 45 — do-well
  - 46 Shelley showcase
  - 47 Lauder powder
  - 48 Squealers
  - 51 Zodiac crustacean
  - 53 32 Across' co-star
  - 56 Moun-taineers' gear
  - 59 "Darn!"
  - 61 Envelope abbr.
  - 63 Indeed
  - 65 Egyptian Nobel
  - 66 "Battle Cry" author
  - 67 Alibi
  - 68 Coaching legend
  - 72 Came by
  - 73 Exclude
  - 74 Actress
  - 75 Misjudge
  - 76 "Make a decision!"
  - 80 Big —, CA
  - 81 "What —, a mind reader?"
  - 82 Appearance
  - 83 Royal abbr.
  - 84 Most meager
  - 86 Pres., e.g.
  - 87 Delhi dress
  - 88 Assail
  - 90 Author
  - 91 Cry over a mouse?
  - 92 Lena of "Havana"
  - 93 Showy shrub
  - 95 High-toned guy?
  - 99 Couch
  - 101 Wax device
  - 103 Praise
  - 105 Summon mommy
  - 106 Enthusiastic review
  - 108 Hamlet's line
  - 113 "Islands in the —" ('83 hit)
  - 115 Frame of mind
  - 116 "Nonsense!"
  - 117 Terrible
  - 118 Boar's beloved
  - 120 Rigatoni relative
  - 123 Bridal path?
  - 127 Brainchild
  - 128 Hebrew text
  - 131 Survival option
  - 134 "Oh, woe!"
  - 135 Honshu metropolis
  - 136 Furry fisherman
  - 137 Tourist isle
  - 138 Riga resident
  - 139 Katmandu's country
  - 140 Peter of Herman's Hermits
  - 141 List ender
  - 4 Give it one's awl?
  - 5 Cal. page
  - 6 Guitarist
  - 7 Acted promptly?
  - 8 Besides
  - 9 Ecclesiastic
  - 10 Cartographer's creation
  - 11 Give it — (try)
  - 12 Hasty
  - 13 That's no bull!
  - 14 Grammy winner
  - 15 Dragon or Dracula
  - 16 Words for a wimp
  - 17 Lord's lair
  - 18 Spirited steed
  - 24 Norwegian name
  - 29 Disconsolate
  - 33 Humorist
  - 34 Tide type
  - 36 Earliest
  - 37 Word with cow or horse
  - 39 Acts like a chicken
  - 40 Tennis stroke
  - 41 — Bell Wells
  - 42 Donkey doc
  - 43 Bulldogs
  - 44 A shape that stops traffic
  - 49 Tiny Tom
  - 50 Soap opera, e.g.
  - 52 Cassius' cohort
  - 54 Pupil's place
  - 55 Medieval menial
  - 57 Bouquet
  - 58 Mississippi port
  - 60 Gary and Elizabeth
  - 62 Kickoff
  - 64 Muppet drummer
  - 68 Quiet partner?
  - 69 Hosts
  - 70 Halloween greeting
  - 71 Ancient deity
  - 73 Shakespearean tragedy
  - 77 German poet
  - 78 Air bear?
  - 79 Flexed, as muscles
  - 85 Born
  - 87 Italian wine
  - 88 "The Jungle Book" bear
  - 89 Glum drop?
  - 94 Parental sibling
  - 96 Sgt. or cpl.
  - 97 Solid circle
  - 98 New York city
  - 100 Polo's place
  - 102 Bk. convenience
  - 104 — wop
  - 107 Singer
  - 109 Literary pseudonym
  - 110 Bright inventor?
  - 111 Dictator
  - 112 Pyramus' paramour
  - 113 Move like
  - 51 Across
  - 114 "Archie" character
  - 117 Push-button predecessor
  - 119 Envelop
  - 121 Schipa or Jackson
  - 122 Up on
  - 124 Flatten a fly
  - 125 Kedrova of "Zorba the Greek"
  - 126 Runner
  - 129 Record abbr.
  - 130 Smith or Foster
  - 132 Novelist
  - 133 Vein contents

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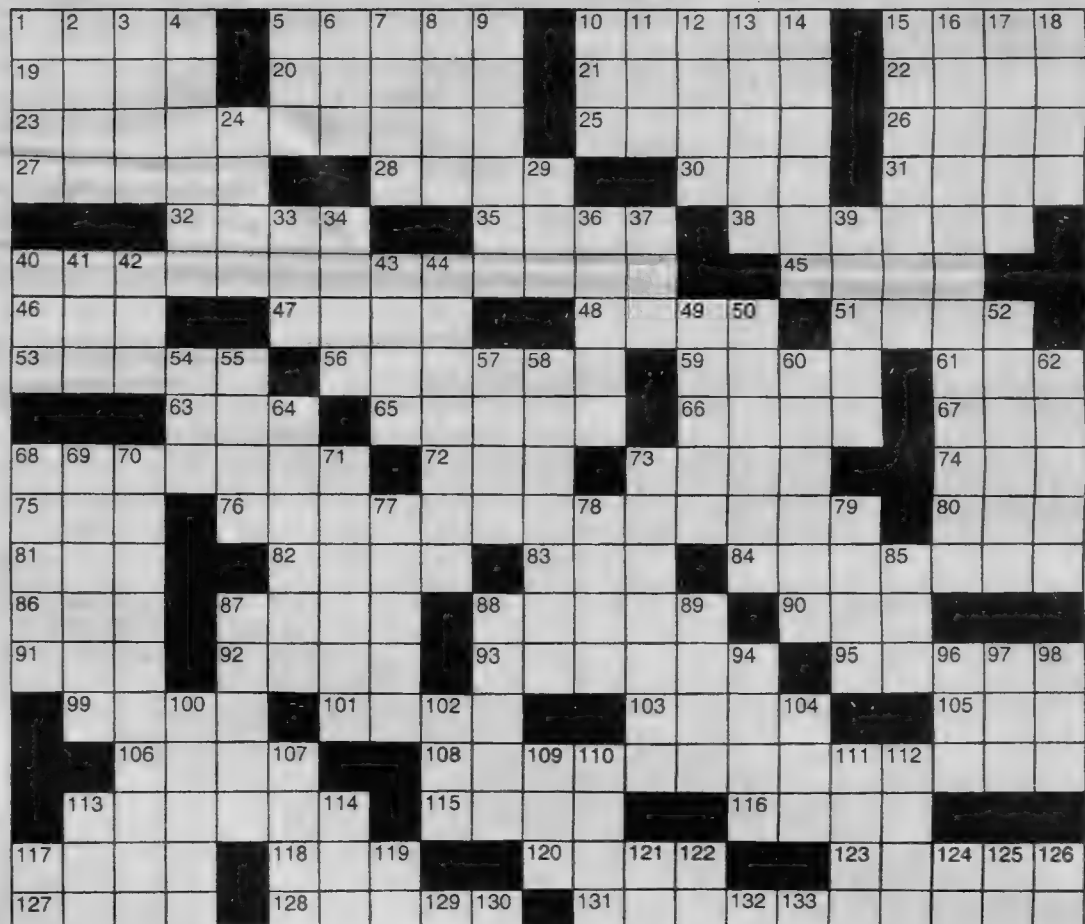


## SPORTS QUIZ

By Chris Richcreek

1. Ty Cobb was the first player to hit a home run in the majors both as a teen and in his 40s. Who was the second to do it?
2. In 2007, Clay Buchholz tossed a no-hitter in his second major-league start. Who was the last pitcher to do it in his second start?
3. The SEC has won three of the past five BCS football championships. Which conferences have captured the other two?
4. Who was the last winner of the NBA's Sixth Man Award to lead his team in points per game that season before Manu Ginobili did it for San Antonio in 2007-08?
5. How many consecutive Olympic U.S. men's hockey teams have been captained by Chris Chelios?
6. Which school has won more NCAA men's lacrosse titles — Johns Hopkins or Syracuse?
7. True or false: All three heavyweight title fights between boxers Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson ended in either a KO or TKO.

- Answers
1. Rusty Staub in 1963 and 1984.
  2. Wilson Alvarez, for the Chicago White Sox in 1991 against Baltimore.
  3. Pac-10 (Southern Cal in the 2004 season) and Big 12 (Texas in the 2005 season).
  4. Ricky Pierce averaged 23 points per game for Milwaukee in 1989-90.
  5. Three (1998, 2002, 2006).
  6. Syracuse has won 10 titles (although one was later vacated by the NCAA) and Johns Hopkins has won nine.
  7. True. Patterson won two of the three bouts.



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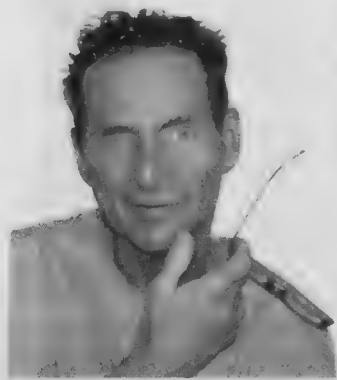
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## Musings and Cruisings from an Olympic Stage Russia Suddenly Back on Track with Win in Georgia

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

The Olympics as spectacle.

An amazing opening ceremonies. Fireworks, the largest drumming circle ever amassed, and a remarkable flying man with a torch on a Peter Pan quest to crank up some heat in a gigantic bowl of propane. I was hoping for the Richard Pryor or Michael Jackson self-immolation grand finale, but Peter Pan lit it up with panache and escaped spontaneous combustion by the narrowest of margins.

Could we expect less from a nation that gave us the Roman Candle?

Michael Phelps striving for eight gold medals in the water and the US basketball team striving for some ersatz redemption after a string of losses on the world hoops stage that hearkens a time not so long ago when Canada first realized that it was losing its grip on hockey hegemony.

And now, Canada at the 08 Games, boasting five athletes over the age of 50, and still wondering why they haven't grabbed a medal. Is there a correlation here? Probably not. We can only muse and hope that Shuffleboard is installed as an Olympic Event sometime soon.

One of those aging Canadian competitors, shotgun wielding, 57-year-old Susan Nattrass was ousted from the Games early when she accidentally popped a helium balloon in the crowd with a juke-up 12 gauge crank of buckshot, mistaking the huge green balloon for one of the clay pigeons in the trap competition. "I've dropped a contact, I can't see! Where's my shotgun you ninnies? My walker, where's my walker?" shouted Nattrass as officials ushered her politely from the shooting venue. A Canadian team official later leaked a report that Nattrass, who is attending her sixth Olympics, later tested positive for Geritol and may be forced to leave the Olympic Village. Dick Pound, President of Pee, is on the case.

"I'm looking into the preponderance of geriatric athletes on the Canadian team, and how multivitamins are meshing with set EPO levels," said Pound. "And someone, for god's sake, take that woman's guns away ... I think she tried to pop off a round of buckshot at my Audi."

Those are the true Olympics, unfolding on a seemingly endless loop of cable feeds, online streams, radio shorts and network shuttles.

Meanwhile on an ersatz and Bizarro Olympic stage, Russia is hearkening former glories. Remember that now famous gold medal Blitzkrieg run into Prague, Czechoslovakia way back in 1968? The tanks, the troops the glory. Ah what a string they rolled up. The former Soviet Union, juggernaut, loopy, wacky, domineering, coached by that most unassuming and charming of Russian Bears the ever-effervescent Leonid Brezhnev. Forget John Wooden, and his 88 straight victories. Brezhnev was the real master. The mentor, admired by his troops, who always gave their coach 110 percent.

Ah those were the days. Back in that glorious sweet spring of Soviet totalitarianism. Back when a swim team looked like a swim team should. Back when Soviet women swimmers, Katrina, Ludmilla, Yvanka, Svetlana, Anna, and Alexandra were more physically imposing than the starting linebackers for the New York Giants.

Well folks, the Russians are back. Back on the world stage at the Invasion Olympiad. Ready to rock and roll to the podium. The medals are there for the picking and Russia is pumped and girded for action. And the best part of this whole scenario? There are no piss tests here. There is however, an awful lot of testosterone, as the heretofore forgotten Russian military flexes its muscle, scrambles MIGs, and menacingly waggle trigger fingers on antiquated AK-47s.

Utilizing the opening ceremonies and the fact that a lot of world leaders are away from their desks right now, schmoozing on the glitzy panoply of the Olympic sound bite stage, the indefatigable Vlad "The Impaler" Putin has once again proved that no one is better in the "Roll Up and Conquer" event than the Russians.

Last week, under cover of darkness and the Olympic Opening Ceremonies, the Russians spun tanks, troops and planes into Georgia. Georgia, the free state who coincidentally recently applied for status as a member of NATO. Which could serve as shuddered warning to those who would poke that sleeping Russian Bear. Ursus Horribilis has a bit of a temper. The Ukraine, who also applied for NATO status, is watching with interest as Russia goes for gold in Georgia.

Not since Stalin, not since Lenin, not since Leonid Brezhnev, and certainly not since Nikita Sergeyevich Khrushchev have we witnessed anything quite like it.

We go to our intrepid reporter Sam "the Pershing Missile" Roberts who has a first hand report from the formerly free state of Georgia.

"Sam, what are you seeing over there?"

"Well, Ted I gotta' say that this is as impressive a display of sheer firepower that this reporter has seen and I've been to a lot of them. Man, oh man, I really thought that nothing could ever top that amazing Russian string of victories run up by those lovely Soviet teams back in the 60's. You may

be a bit too young to remember it, but Prague in '68 was one of my first assignments and I can still recall the heart-pounding precision of those well-oiled Soviet juggernauts. I mean those teams knew how to rock the boat. The teams back then were superb and tremendously coached by that old dog Brezhnev. Few people are aware of it, but they were so confident of that gold medal back in 1968 that the tank crews actually stopped at every red light in downtown Prague on their way to the Presidential Palace. Their execution was flawless. Panache, precision and pomp. That was a team that truly challenged the boundaries and pushed the envelope. That team gave 110 percent. I got goosebumps Ted. Goosebumps. Man oh man, what a squad."

"What's your overall impression of this Georgia match-up Sam?"

"That's a good question there Ted. I'm seeing a pretty nice game plan, but you know, the Russian team has been undergoing some front office difficulty and I think that's it's kind of filtering down to the rank and file. A team's only as good as its equipment and you know the troops are still carrying those clunky old AK-47s and you know that's a little like asking Rafi Nadal to put away his titanium Wilson racket in favor of a clunky old wooden Dunlop. Overall they seem to be doing the job though and a lot of that might go down to the coaching. Vlad the Impaler Putin is the John Madden of Sneak Attacks."

"Well Sam, I'm hearing cries of foul from Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili. He's claiming Putin and his troops are ... that, 'This is an overt, open attempt to ~~destabilize~~ recently to bring Georgia to its knees, to put an end to Georgia's independence. Unless we stop Russia, unless the whole world stops it, Russian tanks will go to any European capital tomorrow.' What do you think about that Sam?"

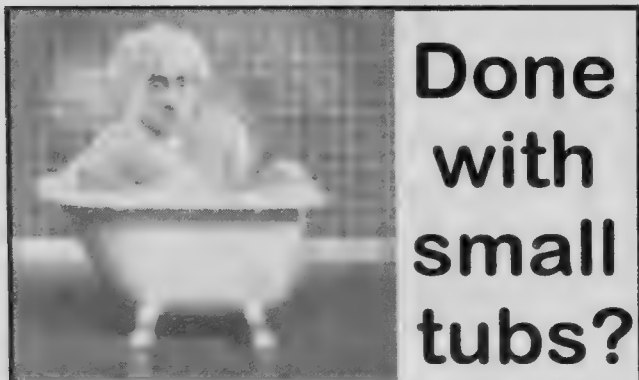
"Whiner. Sour grapes, Ted. This guy gets outcoached and he's looking for an appeal. I call that the Alan Eagleson syndrome. Remember Al, that blowhard, ego-centric blob of pond scum? Whine, whine, whine. Back when Russia was taking it to our hockey guys, I used to see Al, in the bar after a loss to the Russians and he'd be on his tenth scotch ... whining ... Kharlemov this ... Tretiak that. Sob, sob, Boo-hoo. This guy Saakashvili reminds me of Eagleson. Whiners and losers. You know what I always say Ted?"

"What's that Sam?"

"Well Ted ... I always say ... When you win say little and when you lose say less. And for gods sakes. Quit whining ya' losers."

"Thanks Sam."

"You're welcome Ted ... and goodnight." ■



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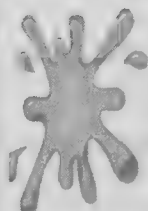
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# Minden Riverkings Have Bulk of Team Signed

## First Exhibition Game Slated for September 7<sup>th</sup> at Minden Arena



Terrance Gavan  
Sports Editor

Right now, Minden River Kings head coach Mike Jeschke is dealing with a lot of the nagging and niggling trappings that accompany a lot of hockey start-ups.

This year marks the River Kings debut into the world of Junior 'A' hockey and as the man responsible for ushering in this new era, Jeschke is understandably a bit overwhelmed with the amount of responsibility lodged squarely on his shoulders.

"I'm just looking forward to the season," chuckled Jeschke last Sunday. "I can't wait to get on the ice with the team, get skating, and get this season underway." Left unsaid is the underlying theme. The office work is and will always be the bane of a coach's life. They much prefer the solace of the cold nook and open ice to the dull glare of a computer console.

Right now, Jeschke and assistant coach Brooks Robinson are attempting to line up billets, look in on the finishing touches of the new team dressing room and coaching office and are also looking to get the updated version of the website on line.

"There's a lot to do and that's why it will be nice to get into the season," said Jeschke. Nice to finally get to do what he's paid to do. Coach, skate and win some games.

The Minden River Kings were accepted into the ranks of the Greater Metro Junior A Hockey League (GMHL) just last spring, and it's been an eye-opening experience for Jeschke and Robinson, who have encountered some challenges along the way.

Only eight of an expected 30 players showed up for the River Kings' inaugural tryout camp on the August long weekend, a disappointing blow, but one which Jeschke now looks at philosophically.

"We can't do anything about that and we've been moving ahead," says Jeschke. "We've got 19 players signed right now and so we're looking for maybe seven more players. But right now, even with those numbers we could start the season tomorrow."

Jeschke said he fully expects to reach the intended complement of 26 players by the September long weekend.

An important piece of the puzzle, goaltending, seems to be well in hand as the River Kings gird for action.

Jeremy Scheafer, a goaltender out of Florida, and Robert

Randles from Houston are already signed. Jeschke also says that there is rabid interest on behalf of several GMHL clubs for Randles.

"I know we could deal Randles if we needed to, but he's really pretty darn good and we're not really thinking about that," said Jeschke. That would leave one net minding spot open for some local input between the pipes.

Both Paddy Manuge and Robert Monk-Cray, solid Highlands' goaltending prospects showed up at the long weekend camp and Jeschke said that both have solid credentials. The problem centers on ice time. If Randles and Scheafer both remain with the River Kings that would mean Manuge or Monk-Cray would have to commit to a largely static role as a practice goalie and sometime dresser for the bulk of the season.

Jeschke said that was a tough position for a young goalie, especially guys used to generating a lot of playing time.

However, if Randles is dealt, that could leave a legitimate spot for either Manuge or Monk-Cray, but Jeschke allowed that it's a commitment that both young goalies will have to think on.

Jeschke said that he's waiting for a possible trickle down from United States Hockey League camps which are wrapping up in the coming week.

"The USHL are just finishing their cuts, and so we should be able to pick up a few players from those camps," said Jeschke, who added that the GMHL has an ear close to the ground at the back doors of those camps.

"We've still got a lot of time left and I've got no doubt that we'll have 22 to 26 players ready to suit up by training camp at the beginning of September," said Jeschke. "There will be a lot of good solid players coming out of those USHL camps."

On the plus side, Jeschke said that families in the town of Minden have really jumped on board with their support of the call for billets.

"It's really nice, because families read in the paper that we were looking for billets and we got a tremendous response," said Jeschke. He said that they have just short of 40 families willing to lend their support via room and board to the Minden River Kings European and US players. ■

Many volunteers have also stepped forward to assist with arena game day management. The community is really coming together," said Jeschke.

They'll get a chance to test out their game readiness in the course of an exhibition contest slated for the SG Nesbitt Arena on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Jeschke has lined up a game against GMHL South Division rival Innisfil Lakers.

He added that the exhibition will give Minden Arena staff a chance to test run and fine tune in preparation for the home opener against the Brock Bucks slated for Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. The River Kings open their season in Gravenhurst against North Division foe South Muskoka Shield on Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Jeschke said that he will be filtering in players on a staggered basis beginning Labor Day Monday. He said that they will be receiving four or five players a day through the week to take the pressure off billet placement.

"We'll start skating on Tuesday and by Thursday and Friday we should have our whole team there for some solid scrimmages," said Jeschke.

A community skate, meet and greet is scheduled for Sunday morning on the day of the home opener. A community free skate with the River Kings players is one of the events scheduled for that celebration.

Overtime: The GMHL 2008-09 schedule is now up on the GMHL website located at [www.gmhl.net](http://www.gmhl.net). Jeschke is expecting the arrival of the new River Kings jersey by the end of this week or early part of next week.

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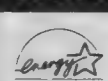


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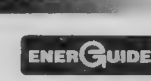
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## Porkbelly Futures Rocking the Highlands

Porkbelly Futures is a musical group, and they describe themselves as "north country, born of the blues." They began as a straightforward bar band, emulating the Chicago sound of the great Paul Butterfield, but as they began to write their own music, country influences began creeping in. They conceived of their new sound as "north country" because they are Canadian lads, born and bred.

The group is named in honour of Porkbelly Futures, an obscure singer/songwriter who played various musical instruments of his own invention. There are no recordings of the original Porkbelly Futures, but it is said that he made people weep. Porkbelly songs are both witty and touching.

The band's live performances are characterized by masterful instrumental work, gay banter and the occasional magic trick.

Pork Belly Futures takes, writers, rockers, classical musicians and does the only logical thing. It creates a sort of jazzy blues band.

The band consists of Paul Quarrington, Martin Worthy, Chas Elliot, and Stuart Laughton. They regularly perform with vocalist Rebecca Campbell. Martin Worthy's 1980 album yielded the number one hit single "Baby and the Blues." Quarrington is one of Canada's best-known literary figures, having won awards for his novels, TV scripts, screenplays and songwriting.

Completing the exciting new Pork Belly Futures band are three of Canada's busiest musicians. Stuart Laughton substituted his classical trumpet for guitar/harmonica and ace bassist Chas Elliott continues to do what he does best and keyboard wizard Richard Bell plays with numerous bands. Pork Belly Futures' debut release "Way Past Midnight" was produced by David Gray, former guitarist with Parachute Club and Paul Butterfield. Assisting artists include award-winning Nashville guitarist Colin Linden of *O Brother Where Art Thou?*, vocalist extraordinaire Rebecca Campbell, and The Canadian Brass.

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The setting of this festival is Bone Lake, a completely secluded lake within the Haliburton Forest & Wildlife Reserve. The Haliburton Forest is Canada's first "certified sustainable forest", meeting the stringent standards of the Forest Stewardship Council, which is supported by the World Wildlife Fund and Sierra Club. The Forest's 60,000 acres of rolling hardwood forests, pristine lakes, meandering rivers and extensive wetlands make it a nature enthusiast's dream.

This year's festival will also feature a brand-new wilderness dance component as well as a major expansion of the EcoArt initiative that was started last season.

Last week we brought you a piece on Mary Lou Fallis – a performer who is preparing her show 'Primadonna Goes Into the Woods'. This week we are featuring Stuart Laughton and Peter Tiefenbach, two trumpet player who will share the stage together, and the group Porkbelly Futures.

Be sure to look for an overview of the event in this week's issue of the Highlands Communicator – available free in your mailbox.

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The OnnanoKo Ensemble excels in a wide variety of genres and frequently employs extremely delicate percussion and flute sounds in works ranging from Stephen Foster's "Slumber my Darling" to the Gaelic "In Irish Waters". This extensive work features elements of traditional Irish music against the backdrop of taiko rhythms.

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# School of the Arts Faculty Auction Draws Sizeable Crowd Despite Weather

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

## Student Bursary Funding Garners over \$15K as a Result of Annual Sale

The Fleming College School of the Arts remains a fully entrenched and integral part of the Highlands' eclectic artistic landscape.

The arts programs offered here at Fleming College's Haliburton campus serve to bulwark an already vibrant local arts community. In an attempt to ensure a wide-sweeping and inclusive student demographic, the Fleming College Foundation endeavors to provide prospective Fleming College students with financial help when necessary. The monies dedicated to scholarships and bursaries at Ontario colleges are raised by philanthropic local initiatives and thus schools and foundations are always on the look out for new fundraising concepts.

When the Fleming College Foundation began exploring such strategies they fell upon an inspired solution. What better way for an art school to raise monies dedicated to bursaries and scholarships than through an art auction? A pretty nice idea took shape from the stout buttress of that seminal question.

And now the annual Haliburton School of the Arts Faculty Art Auction is an event that seems to be paying consistently huge dividends for both the students, who benefit from the annual shindig, and the bidders, who gain a unique opportunity to acquire some beautiful pieces of art while subsequently contributing to a worthy cause.

The 2008 version of the Haliburton School of the Arts Faculty Art Auction was held last Thursday evening at the Delta Pinestone Resort and in spite of some challenging weather - which included the by now ubiquitous and seemingly de rigueur thunder and lightning sideshow - about 150 cottagers, visitors and residents showed up at the Highlands Grand Ballroom to bid on some very unique pieces of art donated by the Haliburton fine arts faculty.

The works of art are created and generously donated by artists that are or have been members of the faculty at the Haliburton School of The Arts. Artists donating works this season included a veritable who's-who of the Haliburton arts cognoscente including, John Leonard, John Anderson, Al VanMil and Annette Blady-VanMil, Jane Selbie, Wendy Bateman, Sophia Tink, Rick Fines, Sandy Cline, Ross Monk and a passel of other artistic leading lights far too numerous to list here. There were 90 pieces involved in the bidding portion of the auction and another 30 or so pieces donated to the silent portion of the event.

The annual Faculty Auction is rapidly becoming a mid-summer's night fixture in the Highlands and several visitors, who also attended last year's show, allowed that they had planned their holiday schedule this season to coincide with the auction.

Fleming College Principal Sandra Dupret thanked all of the volunteers and artists in her opening remarks and explained that all of the proceeds from the art auction would be recycled back into the Fleming College School of the Arts curriculum in the form of student-centered bursaries and scholarships.

"This is a very special event and we really do have some pretty incredible works of art on display here tonight," said Dupret. "We should remember that they are all donated by the faculty members. All proceeds will be used to support our scholarships and bursaries and your bidding will support our students, some who do have financial challenges."

Last year, the art auction raised a total of \$22,000. Last Friday, Dupret was able to confirm that this year's auction garnered about \$15,000 through live auction sales and another \$1000 in silent auction proceeds. She added that there were some expenses for hall rental that would have to be factored into the final tally, but said that overall she was pleased with the turnout and the monies generated.

"Of course it didn't match last year's sales, but we certainly still have to be happy with the totals and I think that overall the evening was a success," said Dupret. She added that the thunderstorm activity and torrential downpour may have had a dampening effect on the overall numbers. She also said that the rise in gas prices and subsequent drop in summer visitors might also have played a role in the diminished numbers. "I seem to recall that the ballroom seating was filled last year, and this year I noted that there were some seats open," said Dupret. "But, again, \$16,000 is still a very respectable number."

Mike Jaycock, local Canoe FM radio handled his role as art auctioneer with a never-say-die aplomb.

One of the highlights of the bidding was sashayed onto the floor early in the evening. It was a piece entitled "Priceless" and included the bare and looming descriptor of "Breakfast with Peter." The crowd looked on as Jaycock explained that it wasn't a piece of art at all, but a real nosh date with local artist Peter Kolisnyk.

The bidding started at \$25 and then galloped into an ersatz auctioneering backstretch like Northern Dancer on Stanozolol. Jaycock could only smile as the bidding went on for four minutes before finally closing out at an astonishing \$410.

Dupret wasn't all that surprised. "Peter is a well-known and established artist and teacher and I really think that a lot of people would love to have breakfast with Peter," chuckled Dupret.

She explained that all of the monies earned will be funneled back into the program, helping financially challenged students with program costs and tuition.

"I think we have to remember that all of the money we bring in as a result of the auction goes to help the students," said Dupret.

The Fleming College Foundation is offering bursaries of up to \$450 for the one-week courses and up to \$700 for Arts Certificate Programs.

The selection process used to determine bursary recipients is based on two criteria: financial need that would restrict attending



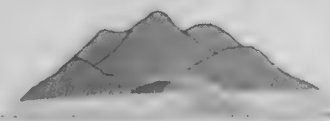
the Haliburton School of The Arts and the long term goal for use of the skills/knowledge acquired while taking a course.

Dupret added that she would like to thank all of the people who helped to make the evening a success.[]

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# Digging for Discoveries

## A Successful Rock Hunt Held at the Bear Lake Diggings

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network (HHTN) and friends were searching for some lost treasures during a rock hunt held this past Monday at the Bear Lake Diggings near Bancroft. One family that joined in on the fun travelled all the way from Michigan.

"This has been a well-known spot for hundreds of years," said Michael Bainbridge, rock specimen photographer and leader of the hunt. According to Bainbridge, mineral tourism is a \$5 million a year industry in Bancroft.

Sam Davies, Executive Director of the HHTN, says that mineral hunting is great for those of all ages and experience levels.

"It's great because you don't need to know what your doing and you can still have a great time," she said while uncovering several specimens. "This really is a bigger business than most people realize."

While on their hike, two of the rocks discovered by most included apatite and mica specimens. Though these minerals have little monetary value, their value to collectors is great.

The Bear Lake Diggings are under claim by the Bancroft Chamber of Commerce and can be accessed by purchasing a permit from the Chamber. The Bear Lake Diggings, an area with an abundance of minerals, consists of a series of weathered calcite vein dykes where the calcite has eroded away by natural acids in the soil. It is a 40 acre site that has been designated as a mineral reserve.

While on the site, rocks cannot be removed by mechanical means. Therefore, minerals must be extracted by hand with tools such as picks, hammers and chisels. Also, one can only remove as much as they can physically carry off the site.

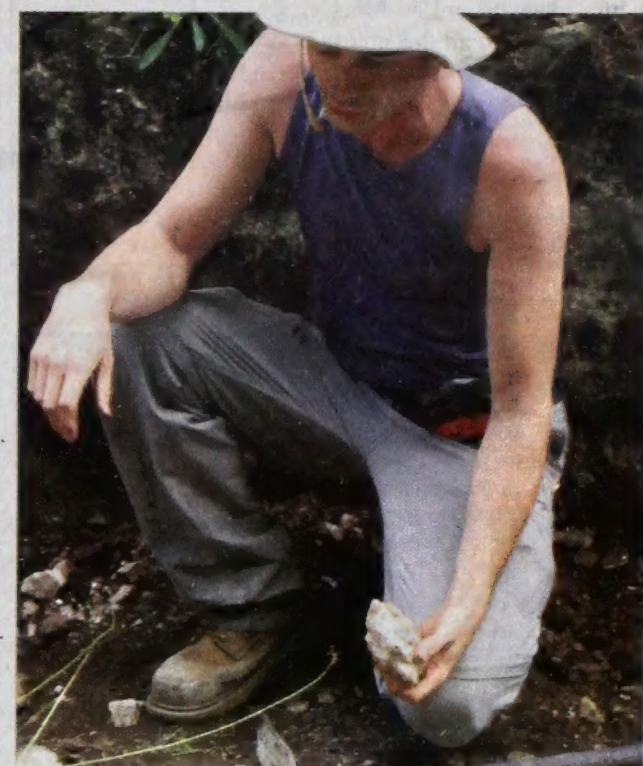
Since Bancroft has been able to successfully market itself as a mineral tourism destination, the HHTN's goal is to do the same thing for Haliburton County. Since the County also has many similar mineral sites as Bancroft, the group would like to encourage visitors to spend their dollars with the local accommodators while in the area. Bainbridge says that there easily 10,000 of these site in Haliburton County. So far, he's only been able to visit 30 of these sites.

"This is a new initiative for us and we really want to peak the interests of people," commented Davies.

With Bainbridge's expertise, The HHTN is going ahead with this project that will include the production of a guidebook with associated marketing materials targeted at drawing people to Haliburton County. There will be 10-15 rock hunting locations mapped out in the book and monies will be generated through fees collected to go on the sites. Local businesses will also be advertised throughout the guidebook.

Barry Martin, President of Yours Outdoors, was also at the hunt. Martin is developing experience packages entitled "Haliburton Rocks." These packages will include mineral explorations, gem shopping, a visit to the studio of a 'rock' artist, accommodations and much more.

To learn more about the HHTN's initiative visit [www.trailsandtours.com](http://www.trailsandtours.com) and for more on 'Haliburton Rocks' go to [www.yoursoutdoors.ca](http://www.yoursoutdoors.ca) ■





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## Touring the Art in Highlands East

### 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlands East Studio Tour a Success

Rainy weather this past weekend didn't stop people from venturing out all over the eastern section of the County for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Highlands East Arts & Crafts Tour (HEACT).

A total of 18 artists were featured on this year's tour that included the communities of Harcourt, Cardiff, Wilberforce, Gooderham, Highland Grove, Tory Hill and Irondale.

Jan Simon, Chair of the tour and artist, said that this past weekend's tour proved to be one of the most successful ones she experienced in years.

"I had over 70 people come in on Saturday. Some of the people didn't know that it was on and just followed the signs while others come annually," said Simon. "I was very impressed by the turnout."

Simon did admit that fewer artists participated in this year's tour.

"We've had as many as 27 stops on the tour in previous years," she said.

Charlene McConnell, a pottery artist featured in Harcourt, has been a part of the tour for the past three years.

"It's been very busy. The traffic slowed down a bit with the rain, but once it stopped things started to get better," said McConnell.

In addition to all the amazing artwork and artists on the tour, draws were held for prizes offered by each artist on the tour. Each entry was also entered into a grand prize draw for a golf package or dinner at the Martin Wood Resort in Harcourt.

The HEACT is a group of artists and artisans in the Highlands East area of Haliburton County. They gather together each year to arrange and promote an annual Highlands East Arts and Crafts Tour event. HEACT is a not-for-profit organization which originally consisted of eight core members and has now grown to 24 members. This friendly, talented group is fast becoming known throughout the area for their exquisite one-of-a-kind works of art.

Simon is encouraging artists who live in Highlands East to join the tour in the future.

"We're always looking for new talent," she said.

For more information about the Highlands East Studio Tour visit [www.highlandseastartour.com](http://www.highlandseastartour.com) or call the HEACT at 705 448-2664. ■

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**Beech Lake - \$689,900**



This beautiful spacious home on Beech Lake is well appointed with hardwood floors and quality finishes throughout. Features include soaring cathedral pine ceilings with wooden beams and an impressive stone fireplace, 7600 sq. ft. of living space with 6 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms and a sound proof theatre. Level lot golden sand beach with southern exposure, and big lake view.

Chris & Michelle Smolatz \* 457-2414

**Mountain Lake - \$359,000**



Excellent three bedroom year round cottage. Prime two lake chain. Lot is level with excellent sand bottom and child friendly.

Al Mayo \* 286-1234

**Coronation Drive - \$179,900**



Beautiful brick bungalow. High speed internet available with modem already installed. Only 3km away from 4-Mile Lake with public access and boat launch. Perfect location for the ATV/Snowmobile enthusiasts with rail trail only seconds away. 3-season sunroom on large deck.

Peter Franzen \* 286-1234

**Canning Lake - \$374,900**



(5 lake chain). 135 feet frontage, .54 acre - sand beach in a quiet bay. 1,050 sq. ft. - 3 bedroom cottage. Features: thermal windows, vinyl siding, beautiful sun room (finish to taste), boathouse, bunkie, extensive custom dock, drilled well, 2002 septic, easily winterized for 4 season use!

Loori Roberts \* 457-2414

**Scotch Line Road - \$275,000**



3 bedroom home, living room has a propane fireplace with pine floors, full partially finished basement w/ large workshop. Attached insulated double car garage. Home has forced air wood heating with electric backup.

David Lee \* 286-1234  
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**Esson Lake - \$279,900**



Three bedroom cottage on a terraced lot plus a two level bunkie. Open concept with hardwood flooring. Screened room. Spectacular lake view from the dock. This cottage is well maintained and shows pride of ownership. Close to snowmobile and ATV trails and crown land.

Debbie Cumber \* 457-2414

**Swinson Road - \$152,900**



Recently updated, 3 bedroom family home on a very private 3 acre lot with an oversized shed, small barn and a fort for the kids. This home is close to all amenities and on the school bus route. Come and have a look today!

Lindsay Elder \*\* 286-1234

**Gull River - \$349,900**



Boat to Moore Lake, East Moore and Black Lake from this 3 bedroom winterized cottage/home with sand beach plus an insulated bunkie. Features; 2 car garage, bunkie, central air, propane fireplace, beautiful grounds on a level lot. SHOWS TO PERFECTION!!

Grace Loughheed \* 286-4106

**Gull Lake - \$499,000**



Lovely home/cottage on popular Gull Lake. Four bedrooms, beautiful stone fireplace, sun room, new roof, 4 year old septic. Full basement, single detached garage. Gentle sloping lot to lake, beautiful view and gardens. Home shows to perfection, pride of ownership.

Ed Gibbons \* 286-1234

**Halls Lake - \$479,000**



Beautiful 3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage on Halls Lake. Open concept living makes it great for entertaining. Huge master bedroom, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

Vince Jarvis \* 286-1234

**Loon Lake - \$374,500**



200 ft. frontage & 1 acre. Excellent shoreline w/ rare combination of deep water & sand cove w/ private island! 3 bedrm, 2 washrm, 1,300 sq. ft. 4 season home - master ensuite with jacuzzi tub, hardwood floors, oak kitchen, sunroom, woodstove, extensive decking/docking.

Anthony van Lieshout \*\* 457-2414

**Beaver River - \$349,900**



1.5 acre lot w/ meandering walkways, limestone accents, pond/waterfall, a gazebo & guest house. Over 400 ft of frontage on Beaver Creek which runs into Gull River and then into Gull Lake. 2200 sq ft log home - newer roof, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths & walk-out basement.

Patti & Hal Johnson \*\* 236-1234 ex 238

**Hunter Creek Estates - \$89,900**



Nicely updated 2 bedroom home in well-kept adult community. Laminate floors in living room, totally renovated kitchen and separate dining area. Master bedroom has ensuite. Monthly lease includes garbage pick up and snow plowing.

Tom Gardner \* 286-1234

**Peach Lake - \$459,000**



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroy style with low E windows.

Barry Warren \* 286-1234

**Gooderham Lake - \$349,900**



Level waterfront lot - sand shoreline. Double detached garage. 3 bedroom, 2 washroom, 1150 sq. ft. 4 season home/cottage. Open concept, corner fireplace, custom kitchen, formal dining & living room with walkout to extensive decking, back up generator wired directly to house.

Cathy Bain \* 457-2414

**Irondale River - \$25,000**



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\$329,000.00

**4 season Viceroy**

cottage on a sheltered bay in Kennisis Lake with south exp - sun all day. Terraced lot making the distance to the cottage and lake very acceptable. Newer septic and block foundation to give storage area. Curt up with a book in front of the natural stone fireplace. 2 bdrms, 4 pc bath and upgraded oak kitchen. Large deck to sip coffee on and enjoy the water. Marine rail makes leaving your pride and joy safe. Sand beach.



\$349,000.00

**Lge. very private**

lot on Kennisis Lk with 5 exp. Sun on the shore in evening!! Wide open big lake view. Cottage is well off the road for quiet and really private. 3 season cottage could be made into a winter haven. Nice pine living area, 3 bdrms, new septic, and roof. Well maintained, also a 10 x16 garage style building suitable for making a guest bunkie. Deck and dock at the natural shore line. Sandy area and deep water.



\$349,500.00

**Check out this**

property!! Total privacy with 14 acres and over 400 ft. of frontage on Redstone River. There is a meadow down near the river where you can watch the deer play. This Cedar R2000 log home has 3 plus bedrooms, 2 baths, den, cozy living room, deck off the kitchen, walkout basement and much more to list. This is what country living is all about. Could be a hobby farm, B & B, possible severance.



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